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# TOWN OF STONEHAM
# MASSACHUSETTS

# ANNUAL REPORT
# 1985

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN



*George D. Lamantea, Richard D. Mangerian, Michael J. Rolli, Kathleen A. Sullivan, and Cosmo M. Ciccarello*

# TOWN OF STONEHAM
# MASSACHUSETTS

## General Information

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| **Incorporated:** | December 24, 1725 |
| **Population:** | 20,881 |
| **Land Area:** | 6.6 square miles |
| **Location:** | Ten miles north of Boston - close proximity to Interstate Highways #93 and #128 |
| **Form of Government:** | Open Town Meeting<br>Selectmen/Town Administrator |
| **Annual Town Election:** | First Tuesday in April |
| **Annual Town Meeting:** | First Monday in May |
| **Town Operating Budget:** | $20,688,266. |
| **Assessed Valuation:** | $669,387,800. |
| **1985 Tax Rate:** | $20.85 |

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| **Senators in Congress:** | Edward M. Kennedy<br>John F. Kerry |
| **Representative in Congress:**<br>**(Seventh Congressional District)** | Edward J. Markey |
| **Sixth Councillor District:** | Joseph A. Langone, III |
| **Third Middlesex Senatorial District:** | John A. Brennan, Jr. |
| **34th Representative District:**<br>**(Precincts #2, 3, 4, 6)** | Sherman W. Saltmarsh, Jr. |
| **35th Representative District:**<br>**(Precincts #1 and 5)** | William E. Robinson |
| **County Commissioners:** | Bill Schmidt, Chairman<br>Thomas J. Larkin<br>Michael E. McLaughlin |
| **District Court:** | 4th East Middlesex, Woburn, Massachusetts |

# STONEHAM, A BRIEF PROFILE

Once a major shoe manufacturing center, the Stoneham of today is a residential community whose commerce includes a balanced mix of retailing, service businesses, and a scattering of light manufacturing.

Recreational facilities abound in Stoneham. Supervised summer programs are provided at our seven playgrounds and thirteen tennis courts. Little League Baseball, Pop Warner Football, Youth Hockey, and Soccer Club are all active programs in our town. The Stoneham Boys' Club (girls are also welcome) provides indoor recreation year round. Town-owned Unicorn Recreational Area nine-hole golf course and indoor heated skating rink are available for community use. There is also a private nine-hole golf course at Bear Hill Country Club. Our Whip Hill Wildlife Sanctuary/Manor House, consisting of over thirty acres, is a prized asset of Stoneham.

The Middlesex Fells Reservation, one of the State's largest parks, comprises a major portion of Stoneham (32%) and offers nature trails, bridle paths, and picnicking. Metropolitan District Commission facilities in Stoneham consist of the following:

Walter D. Stone Memorial Zoo
Swimming Pool
Bear Hill Observatory
Scenic Spot Pond
Outdoor Skating Rink

With an outstanding public school system, including the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School, Stoneham also affords private education at St. Patrick's School, Seventh Day Adventist School, and private kindergartens.

Churches include All Saints Episcopal, First Baptist, First Congregational, First Unitarian, Jehovah's Witness, St. James Methodist, St. Patrick's Roman Catholic, Seventh Day Adventist, and Temple Judea.

New England Memorial Hospital provides excellent health care, and town-subsidized ambulance service is available. Stoneham Animal Hospital cares for our pet population and also serves as dog pound for the community.

Stoneham's Senior Center is a source of pleasure for our elder residents whether they partake of the noontime meal or join in the many activities planned for their enjoyment.

Public Housing is available for both elderly and low income residents. The town is 98% sewered and the Public Works Department renders outstanding service as to plowing, sanding, etc.

Greater Boston Cable Corporation provides cable television service to the major portion of Stoneham. Warner Cable Corporation covers the "Jerry Jingle" area only.

Our local newspaper, *The Stoneham Independent,* is published weekly.

# IN MEMORIAM

TONY J. ASCI

THOMAS CONNORS

GEORGE P. DOWNES

GEORGE J. GRAFTON

NORMAN R. HOUGHTON

WILLIAM H. O'TOOLE, JR.

PATRICIA J. PERRYMAN

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# TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES 1985

| Moderator | Term Expires |
|---|---|
| Albert B. Conti | 1986 |

**Board of Selectmen**

| | |
|---|---|
| Michael J. Rolli, Chairman | 1986 |
| Richard D. Mangerian | 1986 |
| Kathleen Sullivan | 1987 |
| Cosmo M. Ciccarello | 1988 |
| George D. Lamantea | 1988 |

**School Committee**

| | |
|---|---|
| Marie Christie, Chairman | 1986 |
| Edward A. Rosa | 1987 |
| R. Paul Rotondi | 1987 |
| Rita N. Ahrens | 1988 |
| Peter R. D'Angelo | 1988 |

**Board of Assessors**

| | |
|---|---|
| George W. Ray, Jr. | 1986 |
| John J. Hanright | 1987 |
| George C. Riccardelli, Chairman | 1988 |

**Town Clerk**

| | |
|---|---|
| Annamae Arsenault | 1986 |

**Board of Health**

| | |
|---|---|
| Francis J. Dunn, Jr., Chairman (Resigned 9/18/85) | 1986 |
| Thomas A. O'Grady (Appointed 10/8/85) | 1986 |
| Nancy M. Orban | 1987 |
| Louis D. Golini (Appointed Chairman 10/15/85) | 1988 |

**Trustees of Public Library**

| | |
|---|---|
| Robert M. Grant, Chairman | 1986 |
| William P. Leccese | 1986 |
| Paula Cerrato | 1987 |
| Carole A. Doyle | 1987 |
| William L. Hoyt | 1988 |
| Pearl Mayman | 1988 |

**Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School District**

| | |
|---|---|
| James A. McDonough, Jr. | 1988 |

### Planning Board

| | |
|---|---|
| John R. Cullen | 1986 |
| Jeffrey T. Cirace | 1987 |
| August S. Niewenhous III, Chairman | 1988 |
| Robert F. Petrillo | 1989 |
| Steven L. Cicatelli | 1990 |

### Housing Authority

| | |
|---|---|
| James J. Fougere | 1986 |
| Catherine H. Salvage | 1986 |
| Frederick F. Mosley | 1988 |
| Lawrence F. Hurley | 1989 |
| John M. Rolli, Chairman | 1990 |

### Constables

| | |
|---|---|
| George Alger, Jr. | 1988 |
| Robert E. Moreira | 1988 |
| George R. O'Brien | 1988 |

### Registrars of Voters

| | |
|---|---|
| Walter E. Cogan | 1986 |
| Elmer A. Wagner | 1987 |
| Edward J. O'Connell, Chairman | 1988 |
| Annamae Arsenault, Town Clerk | Ex-officio |

### Contributory Retirement Board

| | |
|---|---|
| Stephen J. Szabo, Jr., Town Accountant/Chairman | Ex-officio |
| Janice T. Houghton | 1986 |
| William T. Curran, Employees' Representative | 1988 |

### Board of Appeals

| | |
|---|---|
| Steven L. Cicatelli, Chairman | 1986 |
| Charles G. Pickett | 1986 |
| Anthony DeFlumeri | 1987 |
| Alan K. Melkonian | 1987 |
| Chistopher DiMeo | 1988 |
| Vincent Brienze, Associate Member | 1986 |
| Kevin N. Dolan, Associate Member | |

### Water and Sewer Use Ordinance Hearing Board

Robert E. Grover, Town Engineer
Vincent LoPresti, Designee of Selectmen (Appointed 6/18/85)
Edward Simches, Designee of Finance & Advisory Board (Appointed 6/24/85)
Albert B. Conti, Designee of Town Moderator
John Hickey, Member-at-Large (Appointed 11/26/85)

### Finance and Advisory Board

| | |
|---|---|
| Steven Carter, Chaiman | Michael Neri |
| Alan M. Silbovitz, Vice-Chairman | William Orlandi |
| Vincent Basile | Ronald Saloman |
| Paul Breck | Robert Schiazza |
| Thomas Henderson | Gail Scott |
| David Hopkinson | Paul Shaughnessy |

## Conservation Commission

| | |
|---|---|
| Celeste Pinto, Chairwoman | 1986 |
| Diane J. Hussar | 1986 |
| William J. Doherty | 1987 |
| Kenneth R. Quigley | 1987 |
| Nancy Reid | 1987 |
| Joel Higginson | 1988 |
| Daniel C. Towse | 1988 |

## Council on Aging

| | |
|---|---|
| Walter C. Redding, Chairman (Term expired 12/14/85) | 1985 |
| Ella M. Clark (Term expired 2/1/85) | 1985 |
| George A. Crowell (Term expired 2/1/85) | 1985 |
| George Dennen (Resigned 1/10/85) | 1985 |
| Elizabeth L. Fiske (Term expired 2/17/85) | 1985 |
| Ralph Giannette (Term expired 2/1/85) | 1985 |
| Ann Hobbs (Term expired 2/1/85) | 1985 |
| Elsie D. Huff (Term expired 11/3/85) | 1985 |
| Anthony Liberatore (Term expired 2/1/85) | 1985 |
| Michael J. Quirk (Term expired 2/1/85) | 1985 |
| Alma Fortini | 10/24/87 |
| Dorothy Mathewson | 10/24/87 |
| Marion P. Tobias (Appointed 1/22/85) | 10/24/87 |
| Eileen F. McDonough (Appointed 9/3/85) | 2/ 4/88 |
| Doreen L. Moore (Appointed 2/4/85) | 2/ 4/88 |
| Arline M. Seibold (Appointed 2/4/85) | 2/ 4/88 |
| Estelle M. Bertolino (Appointed 2/4/85) | 2/ 4/89 |
| Dr. John A. Danis (Appointed 2/4/85) | 2/ 4/89 |
| Katherine L. Kenny, R.N. (Appointed 2/4/85) | 2/ 4/89 |
| Dr. Edward J. Staffier (Appointed 12/10/85) | 1/ 4/90 |

## Obsolete Property Disposal Committee

Joel Higginson
Kenneth R. Quigley
John E. Shaugnessy

## Historical Commission

| | |
|---|---|
| August S. Niewenhous III, Chairman | 1988 |
| Irene G. Dempsey (Served until 4/30/85) | 1985 |
| Joanne B. Harriman | 1986 |
| Peter C. Paicos | 1986 |
| Elizabeth M. Whelan | 1986 |
| Susan B. Doscher | 1987 |
| William Sequino, Jr. | 1987 |
| Lynn M. Stead (Appointed 5/1/85) | 1988 |

## Historical Society

Lloyd Ekholm, President
Mrs. Norman Houghton, Vice President
Mrs. Charles LeVangie, Recording Secretary
Mrs. Winston Lobdell, Corresponding Secretary
Charles E. Toce, Secretary
William Harris, Auditor
Mrs. Donald Marchant

### Insurance Safety Committee

Thomas P. Flaherty, Chairman
Edward A. Andrusaitis
Frank L. Angelosanto, School Department
Louis Bamberg
Edmund J. Moreira
Thomas J. Murphy, Public Works Department
Kim R. O'Neil

### Unicorn Recreational Area Committee

Steven B. Hoisington, Unicorn Recreational Area Manager
Richard Arzillo, Golf Course Superintendent
James J. Cullen, Arena Manager

| | |
|---|---|
| Mary Canavan | 1986 |
| Gerald J. Crosby | 1986 |
| Frank Filamond | 1986 |
| William E. Dawson (Resigned 11/12/85) | 1987 |
| Maureen Houghton (Appointed 11/12/85) | 1987 |
| Dorothy L. Kozlowski | 1987 |
| Paul K. Roach | 1987 |
| William L. Barry | 1988 |
| Robert A. Boulay | 1988 |
| William R. Jackson | 1988 |

### Personnel Board

| | |
|---|---|
| Sheldon D. Goldberg | 1987 |
| James C. O'Brien, Jr. | 1988 |
| Frank Vallarelli | 1989 |
| John F. Mahoney | 1990 |
| Muriel Doherty, Employee Representative (Appointed 7/26/85) | |

### Commission for the Handicapped

| | |
|---|---|
| M. Janet Dawson, Chairman (Resigned 11/14/85) | Indefinite Terms |
| John Moran (Appointed Chairman 11/26/85) | |
| Robert Webber | |
| Mary Wiley | |

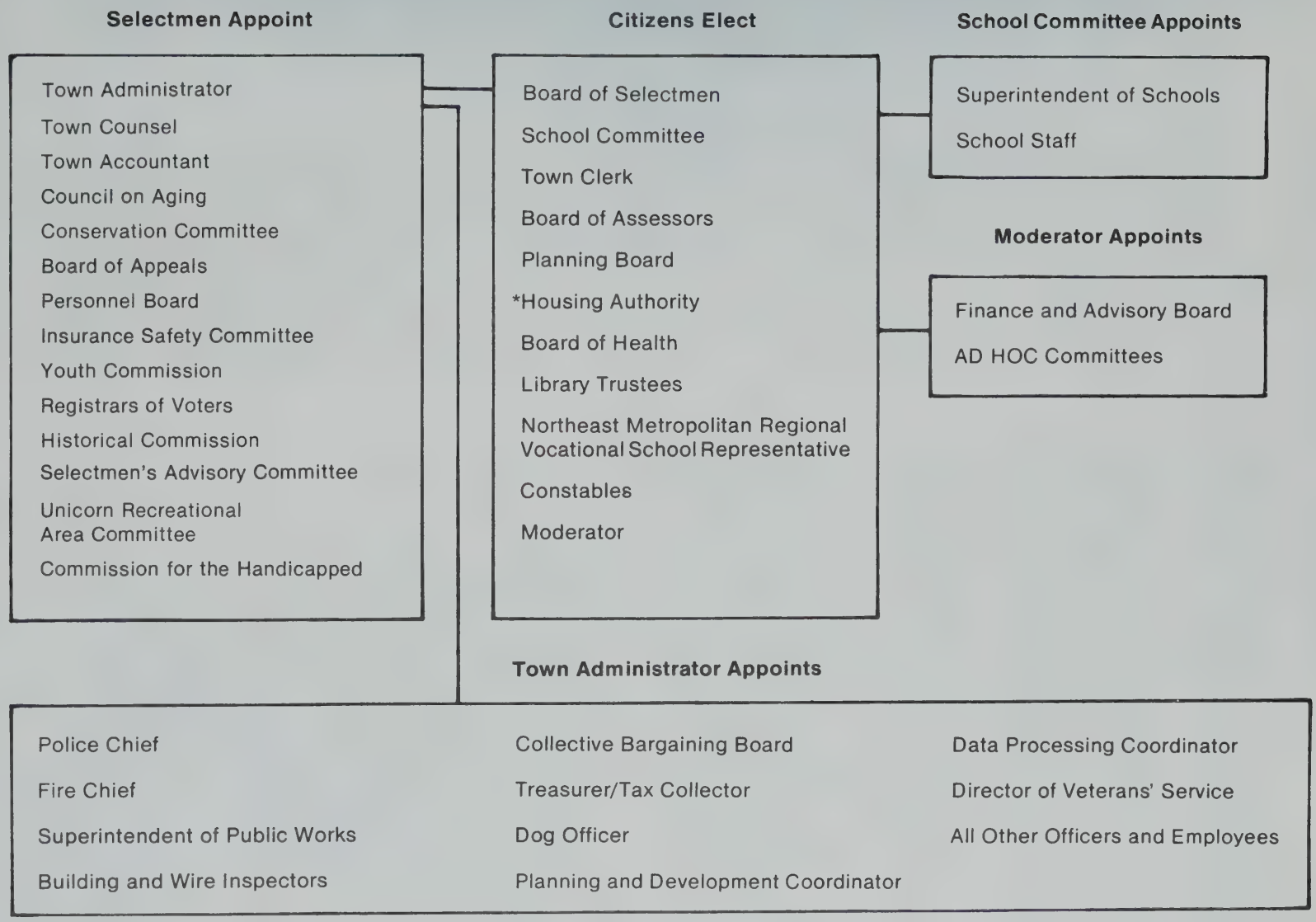
### Youth Commission

| | |
|---|---|
| Floyd M. Frost (Served until 4/30/85) | 1985 |
| Thomas J. Keane, Jr. | 1986 |
| George F. Ward, Jr. | 1986 |
| Ralph Arsenault | 1987 |
| Anne Brunton, Chairman | 1987 |
| Denise Healy | 1987 |
| Stephen E. Chiulli | 1988 |
| Patricia Kilty (Appointed 5/1/85) | 1988 |

# APPOINTED TOWN POSITIONS

| | |
|---|---|
| William Sequino | Town Administrator |
| Thomas M. Leahy, Esq. | Town Counsel |
| Kevin F. Mahoney | Town Treasurer/Tax Collector |
| Ruth T. Cogan (Appointed 3/19/85) | Assistant Town Treas./Tax Coll. |
| Stephen J. Szabo, Jr. | Town Accountant |
| Ronald J. Florino | Assistant Town Accountant |
| Raymond L. Sorensen | Fire Chief |
| Eugene M. Passaro | Police Chief |
| Frank R. Matarese | Superintendent of Schools |
| Frederick F. Mosley | Director of Public Health |
| William J. Reid, Jr. | Superintendent of Public Works |
| Joseph MacKay (Resigned 3/1/85 | Town Engineer |
| Robert E. Grover (Appointed 6/3/85) | Town Engineer |
| Clement A. Duonolo | Inspector of Buildings |
| Peter J. Jurzynski | Director of Council of Aging |
| Joseph A. DeSisto | Director of Veterans Services |
| Bennie Pasquariello | Director of Civil Preparedness |
| George F. Seaver, Jr. | Dog Officer |
| George M. Rich | Sealer of Weights and Measures |
| Clement A. Duonolo | Fence Viewer |

## TOWN GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION




*Four Elected, One appointed by State EOCD

# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

In accordance with Section 2-31. of the Town Code, we are pleased to submit to the citizens of Stoneham, a statement from all town departments reporting on their acts and doings for the year 1985.

George D. Lamantea was re-elected and Cosmo M. Ciccarello was elected to the Board of Selectmen on April 2, 1985. At the reorganizational meeting on April 3, 1985, Michael J. Rolli was elected Chairman; Kathleen Sullivan, Vice-Chairman; George D. Lamantea, Secretary; Cosmo M. Ciccarello and Richard D. Mangerian, members; Kathleen A. Sullivan, Clerk.

On March 19, 1985, in recognition of his dedicated and efficient service, Thomas M. Leahy was unanimously reappointed as Town Counsel for a one-year term in accordance with Section 2-45. of the Town Code.

Upon the resignation of Frederick F. Mosley, effective March 29, 1985, Fire Chief Raymond L. Sorensen was appointed Municipal Coordinator of the "Right to Know" Law for the Town of Stoneham in accordance with Chapter 111F of the General Laws (Chapter 470 of the Acts of 1983). In this capacity, Chief Sorensen will be the contact person for community residents seeking information about toxic or hazardous substances used in the local area.

On January 4, 1985, the Selectmen were notified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Local Election Districts Review Commission of their responsibility to redraw the boundaries of Stoneham's precincts based upon the results of the 1985 State Census. A definitive map, and description of the precinct boundaries, as redrawn, were approved by the Selectmen on November 5, 1985. We are pleased to report that this documentation was officially approved and accepted by the State on November 14, 1985. The new boundaries do not take effect until the 1988 State primaries and election, and any town elections held thereafter, unless the Selectmen vote to apply them to earlier town elections.

Revenue in the amount of $29,318.00 was collected in the office of the Board of Selectmen during 1985 for licenses processed and issued in the following categories:

Auctioneer
Automatic Amusement Machines
Billiard Tables
Carnival
Class I (new car dealers)
Class II (used car dealers)
Common Victualler
Gasoline Storage
Flea Market
Juke Box
Miniature Golf
Taxi
Theatre
**Liquor**
Clubs
Package Goods Stores
Restaurants/Function Rooms
Special Permits - one day

Applications were processed and funds totaling $17,186.30 were received and disbursed this year from the Helen Walcott Stockwell Trust covering payment of medical bills for needy Stoneham residents.

Numerous Public Hearings were held during the year in relation to site plan approval; Urban Systems (road reconstruction); cable television; proposed housing developments; Federal Emergency Management Agency (flood evaluation determinations/insurance study); utility company installation of poles, conduits and cable; determination and adoption of local tax revenue to be borne by each class of real and personal property; amendments to the traffic rules and regulations; gasoline storage; review of amendments to the Stoneham Zoning By-laws; and dog complaints.

In response to a request from Chairman Michael J. Rolli, playground equipment, valued at $8500.00, was received from Burger King Restaurant on Main Street in Stoneham. Said equipment was accepted by the Selectmen on November 5, 1985 and will be installed at the Capen Street playground, off Pomeworth Street.

Appointments were made by the Selectmen to the following Boards and Committees during the year: Council On Aging, Commission for the Handicapped, Conservation Commission, Board of Appeals, Insurance Safety Committee, Youth Commission, Registrars of Voters, Historical Commission, Personnel Board, and Unicorn Recreational Area Committee.

After many years of effort by members of the Board of Selectmen (present and past) and the Public Works Department, the appearance of north Main Street is greatly improved as a result of the completion of Phase I of the Urban Systems/TOPICS Program. With public safety as the primary purpose for this project, we look forward to Phase II (William Street to Marble Street) which should begin in March or April of 1986.

To keep abreast of any plans or legislation which might affect the Town of Stoneham, members of your Board of Selectmen have devoted many hours of their personal time this past year attending various conferences and committee hearings.

The work of this Board has been greatly facilitated by the able assistance and dedication of all officers, employees, and committee members of the Town. The Selectment take this opportunity to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to all who have in any way contributed their efforts for the good of our community.

# TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Following is the annual report of the Town Administrator for the past year. 1985 was a very productive year for all Town departments and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our employees, elected and appointed boards and the residents of Stoneham for all their support and cooperation in conducting the public's business.



*William Sequino, Jr.*

A large amount of time has been spent in reviewing the affairs of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA). This Authority replaced the MDC as the provider of water and sewer treatment services to Stoneham. One of their first announcements was a large increase in rates. At one point there was talk of 80% plus increases. The final rate for Stoneham turned out to be much less, however, the member communities are continually reviewing their activities. This office represents Stoneham on the MWRA-Advisory Board and serves in the capacity of Vice-Chairman of the Board. Stoneham hosted a full meeting of the Advisory Board this past fall when a summary of the water supply study for MWRA was released.

The solid waste collection and transport contract was up for rebid this summer and resulted in a new five year contract for services. The contract is worth more than one million dollars to the successful vendor. Our previous collector was SCA Services and the new contract was awarded to Vining Disposal, Inc. of Medford.

During the first part of 1985, this office spent much time in trying to dissuade DMH from proposing an ICF site at the end of Evergreen Road on the Reading/Stoneham line. The facility, proposed by the Department of Mental Health (DMH), would have housed eight mentally retarded individuals in a supervised residential setting. The Town took the position that the site as proposed was not suitable for this type of facility due to its proximity to Route 128, a decision later concurred with by the Department of Mental Health. As this report goes to press, the DMH is examining another local site.

Town meeting passed an article providing engineering funds for the reconstruction of Montvale Avenue. This project had already been approved in the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), however, could not move forward unless the engineering was provided by Stoneham. Once the engineering is complete, and subject to the availability of State funds, Montvale Avenue will be partially widened and reconstructed to improve traffic flow.

Early in the year we submitted an application under the Executive Office of Communities and Development (EOCD) Capacity Building Program. If funded this program would provide funds for a staff person to coordinate Community Development activities. Senator Brennan notified us we would receive an eighteen month grant of $30,000 to fund the position. In July we hired Lou Mercuri to fill the position, which has added greatly to our ability to respond to state programs and other activities of interest to Stoneham.



*Arlene J. Zamagni*

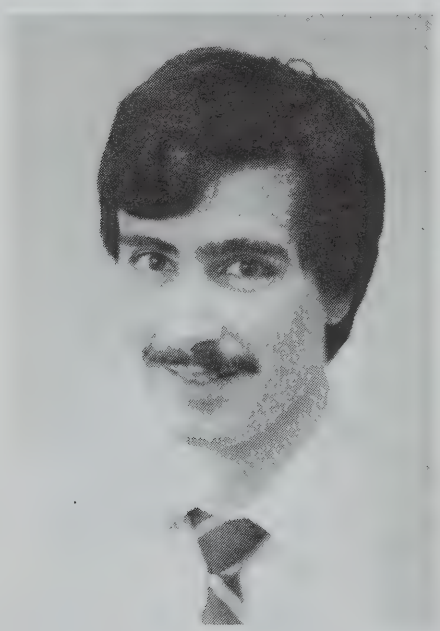
As a member of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), Stoneham is represented by this office on the Executive Committee. The MAPC is comprised of 101 communities in the Metropolitan Boston Area and works to formulate and implement regional plans and policies.

Stoneham received land-use maps from MAPC providing detailed analysis of the region (Stoneham in particular) between 1951-1980. The Transportation Improvement Program, which is required to maintain eligibility for federal funds, was updated during this past year. In addition, Stoneham supported an economic development designation for the region, which would allow the region a 10% bonus on federal funds expended in our region for economic development projects.

The Community Development Coordinator has been especially busy since his arrival as indicated below.

1985 has been an especially significant year for community development activities in Stoneham. Many initiatives have already been successful and several others will be pursued in 1986 and beyond.

In particular, our work with the State's Executive Office of Communities and Development (EOCD) has helped us obtain different sources of funding. One such funding program was the Incentive Aid Program, awarding a three year grant to Stoneham for a Purchasing Agent. This full time position will serve both the school department and all of the other municipal offices. A centralized position of this sort will go a long way towards consolidating the entire $2.8 million purchasing function in the Town. It is expected that a Purchasing Agent will be hired by February, 1986.



*Louis A. Mercuri*

The Town was also the recipient of a $260,000 Small Cities Grant. I can assure you that this award was no small accomplishment, and that its successful administration in 1986 will solidify the Town's ability to be successful in getting State dollars in the future. It is anticipated that about 30 units of housing to the north of the Square will be rehabilitated this coming year. Beyond that, the grant will enable us to undertake a storefront facade renovation project in the Square. I am really looking forward to kicking off this program with homeowners and the business people in early 1986. A special word of thanks is in order for the staff at the Metropolitan Area Planning Council who were closely involved in the preparation of the application for us.

Two other grant awards are currently pending approval at the State level. Under the EOCD Strategic Planning Grant Program, an application was filed in December for $10,000 in funding for a study of all municipal sites in Stoneham. This report is expected to produce both a status report as well as a feasibility study of potential multi-family housing sites. Second, an application for $17,110 to conduct energy audits in the Town Hall and Public School buildings awaits approval. In cooperation with the School Department, the firm of Energy Training and Education Center (ETEC) was selected to conduct these energy audits amongst a very fine field of 13 applicants. ETEC's recommendations will lead to additional funding from the State's Executive Office of Energy Resources. Awards from the State for Energy Conservation Measures will be of considerable value in terms of reduced energy bills in our facilities.

At the Town level, several types of projects will come to fruition in 1986. Connery Associates of Winchester was awarded a contract to do a complete and thorough study of the downtown parking system, with work commencing in the Fall of '85. The results of these efforts will lead to improved management of on and off street parking, as well as recommendations for the expansion of the existing supply of parking. These changes are expected to assist both merchant and shopper alike.

At the request of the Town Administrator, a five member committee has been established to select an architect to study the problem of renovation of Town Hall. Many parts of the building simply don't serve the current needs of the community. Improvements in the auditorium, new handicapped access and elevators, heating system changes and the creation of additional office space are key components of this plan. A conceptual plan will be presented for approval to the Town Meeting in May.

Other projects are also in the preliminary planning phase with a look to 1986. An open space plan and a CARD (Central Area Revitalization District) proposal will be submitted in the summer of the coming year for endorsement by the appropriate State agencies. Community pride and responsibility in Stoneham will be enhanced through two other efforts. First, a community profile book will be assembled showing key elements of life in Stoneham through color pictures and narratives. It will also serve as a nice introduction to the Town for people moving in or looking to locate a business here. The support and cooperation of many people and organizations, too numerous to mention here, will make this project a timely success.

Finally, a Main Street beautification scheme may also come to life in 1986. A series of planters, similar to those seen in the malls or at Quincy Market, could be placed in strategic locations in front of businesses along Main Street from Reading to Medford. In conjunction with the roadway reconstruction project, this type of arrangement

will make the Town all the more visually attractive to those using its main thoroughfare. Considerable support from the Chamber of Commerce and business leaders will be needed to make this project a "go".



*Elizabeth B. Luciano*

In my short stay, I have enjoyed the responsiveness and concern that Stoneham people have for their community. I believe we are headed in a very positive direction that will make Stoneham an extremely desirable place to locate. The implementation and success of the projects I have described will almost always depend on the support of the community as a whole. I look forward to working with you in 1986.

In 1983 the Fair Housing Committee was established as a result of State policies and it has had a slow start. The committee, now reestablished, has worked on two initiatives this past year. First, a conference was held in April with guest speakers and community leaders participating in a discussion of housing issues that affect all of us. Second, the committee will receive a report by a planning consultant concerning potential municipal sites for multi-family housing. This will be developed during 1986 pending approval of a Strategic Planning Grant from EOCD filed in December. Both of these initiatives combined with input from a variety of community leaders on the committee make its contribution significant to the Town.

The Personnel Technician has compiled her report of the personnel and affirmative action activities of the past year. Her report follows and reflects the areas where we have complied with MCAD directives to comply with State policies.

During 1985, some eighty-four personnel transactions were completed. This personnel activity included full-time, part-time, temporary and seasonal appointments as well as reclassifications and newly-established positions.

In compliance with the Town's recently adopted Affirmative Action Plan, minority organizations/referral sources were sent notices relative to the availability of every position.

As a result of our ongoing recruitment efforts, in November Stoneham appointed its first minority Police Officer. One other full-time minority was hired by Public Works in the Student Engineer classification.

All of Stoneham's 1985 part-time minority appointments occurred in the Library Department: Library Page, Library Part-time Clerk, and Library Part-time Building Custodian.

This year, for the first time, the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD), in conjunction with the Department of Personnel Administration (DPA), requested municipalities to promote and advertise the Fire Fighter Municipal Civil Service Examination. The MCAD and DPA asked communities to spread the word that an open competitive examination was scheduled for November 23, 1985. In response to their appeal, we solicited the support of our local newspaper and also notified other interested parties.

The Town Administrator, with the cooperation of the Personnel Office, will continue to extend every effort in an attempt to fill each vacancy with the most qualified applicant and to meet the Town's affirmative action commitment and projected goals.

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The Town is very fortunate to have the many excellent staff people working for them and I would like to thank those associated with this office: Lou Mercuri, Community Development Coordinator, Betty Luciano, Personnel Technician and Arlene Zamagni, Executive Secretary, for all their fine work and dedication to the Town.

# FINANCE AND ADVISORY BOARD

1985 was a year of achievement for the Finance Board. The first four months of the year, as usual, were spent in budget deliberations. Through the use of an outside computer, a budget summary was prepared. This summary was used by all parties to the final budget process; including the Finance Board, Selectmen and Town Administrator. Because this and a number of other computer applications proved invaluable during the spring budget process, Town Meeting approved the purchase of a personal computer for the Finance Board as part of the FY87 budget.

Town departments are already benefiting from applications developed for the Finance Board computer, including customized budget worksheets, automated capital equipment worksheets, pre-calculated personnel worksheets, and automated salary classification plan. In addi-

tion, applications have been developed to assist the Finance Board in monitoring and preparing the budgets through the year.

Annual Town Meeting was relatively peaceful. A budget of just over $23 million was passed without discussion, and there were few controversial warrant articles.

The Board was proud to be the recipient of the First Place Award in the annual judging of Town Meeting books by the Association of Town Finance Committees, for towns in Stoneham's size category. This follows a second place award in 1984. The Town Meeting books were judged on the basis of:

A. Appearance
B. Introduction
C. Financial Background
D. Budget Presentation
E. Article Presentation

During the summer, the Board undertook Phase Two of a 1984-85 Summer Project. This project is designed to define the functions provided by each Town department. Final information was collected from departments. Unfortunately, it was necessary to place this project on temporary hold, due to unexpected turnover in Board membership. This project will be completed at the earliest opportunity.

The other "summer project" initiated by the Board was a Capital Outlay Plan. This project was also placed on hold, after the Town Administrator announced his intention to have a new Development Coordinator develop and implement a Capital Outlay plan. The first step in this process took place at the end of 1985, with a request by the Town Administrator for a 5-year capital outlay projection from all departments.

The Finance and Advisory Board Reserve Fund (for emergency or unforeseen expenses) was not fully expended in Fiscal 1985. To date there have been only light demands in the first half of Fiscal 1986, although additional demands are coming in. During the calendar year 1985, the transfers from the Reserve Fund which were approved were as follows:

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| **1/1/85 - 6/30/85** | |
| UMAS System user course | $235 |
| Fire Repairs | $2,500 |
| Memorial Parade St. Ann's Band | $200 |
| Fire Topics | $6,665 |
| Board of Selectmen Medical | $1,800 |
| Data Processing Updates | $1,140 |
| Public Works Personnel | $18,421* |
| **7/1/85 - 12/31/85** | |
| Special Study Committee | $2,000 |
| Board of Selectmen Medical | $5,000 |

*This transfer was for accounting purposes only. The Public Works Department turned an equal amount of money back to the General Fund from the Operating portion of that budget.

The members of the Finance and Advisory Board donated 761 hours of their time to the Town of Stoneham in 1985.

# HISTORICAL COMMISSION

During 1985 the Stoneham Historical Commission submitted a grant application to the Massachusetts Historical Commission for funds to research repairs on the Old Burying Ground on Pleasant Street. The grant was not funded for 1985 but has been resubmitted for 1986.

The Commission has been approached by several Stoneham homeowners for help in having their homes listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Commission is helping to compile the paperwork for these submissions. We would like to thank the Stoneham Historical Society for their very capable help in researching the house histories.

The Commission has been pursuing the listing of the Central Square Area as a historic district in the National Register of Historic Places. During 1986 the Commission hopes to formalize the boundaries and complete work with the Board of Selectmen and the State Historical Commission to complete the application for listing.

Sales of the Commission's publication, STONEHAM, MASSACHUSETTS: A SHOE TOWN, and Stoneham Commemoriative Coins continue to be successful.

The members of the Commission wish to thank the Boards and citizens of the Town for their cooperation during the past year and look forward to their continued support in the future.

# STONEHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society has had another successful year, and is pleased to report adding a few members to our list.



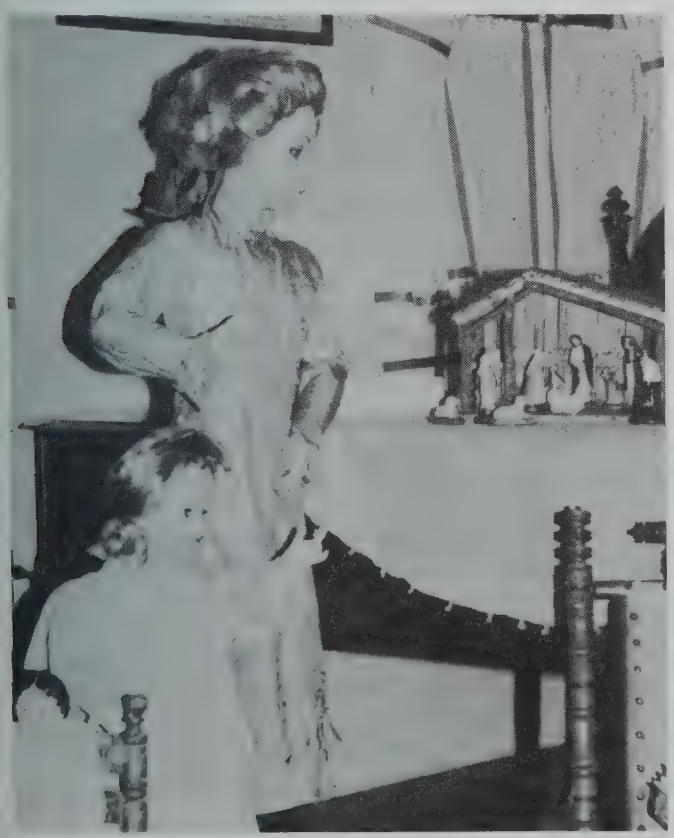
*Part of farming equipment on display representing farming in Stoneham in the past.*



*A few of the dolls displayed at the Christmas meeting. Many from the collection of Mrs. John Farquharson. Others belong to the society.*

We have continued giving tours to those requesting them. Some of our members have visited Historical Societies in surrounding cities or towns, and found we have much of which to be proud. Through the efforts of Mrs. Donald Marchant, we have had displays representing the theme of each meeting. She has a talent for bringing our manikins to life.

Several requests for information have been handled. At present writing we have been researching the "Yellow Peril" (street car of the past) for a party in California.



Through the generosity of Mr. Furio Bracciotti and his son, John, we have acquired a beautiful display cabinet - also a small one for "tiny" objects.

We are still sorting and rearranging and find the results most gratifying.



Once again, the executive board and members of the society wish to thank the governing body of the town for its continued support.

To any newcomers - we are located at 36 William Street - across from the Central School. Meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at 7:45 p.m. You will be most welcome.



*Part of Wedding Gown display. Gowns were from different periods. Most of them are from the society's collection. A few were loaned by members.*

# BOARD OF ASSESSORS

During 1985 the final figures on the revaluation were received. Impact Notices were sent to taxpayers advising them of the new valuations during January 1985. In

February hearings were held with any taxpayers who felt their new assessments were too high or incorrect. The hearings were held in the town hall with members of the revaluation team. In April the actual tax bills for fiscal year 1985 were sent out. This was because an estimated tax bill was sent out in October 1984.

During the summer of 1985 the Assessors office became computerized. For the first time all the real estate and personal property billing information was put in the computer allowing for any changes or corrections, such as value changes, owner changes, address changes, etc. to be done immediately. Also, for the first time, in November 1985 the fiscal year 1986 tax bills were done on the town's computer with the assistance of the Data Processing Coordinator and the Treasurer/Collector. This was a giant leap into the computer age for the town. It enabled the town to have control over the printing of the tax bills for the first time and no longer had to wait for a service bureau. Surprisingly enough, there were very few problems. This is primarily due to the hard work and determination of the staff in the Assessors office. Because of the computerization of the department, the entire office routine and procedures were completely changed. The staff had to be re-educated. Each member of the staff proved to be anxious and willing to learn, and did work many long hours to get the proper information into the computer to insure that it was correct.

The excise tax abatements were also put on the computer. Although the Registry of Motor Vehicles does all the excise tax bills, all the abatements are done in the Assessors office. With over 22,000 excise tax bills coming into Stoneham yearly, there are at least 30% of those bills that require some kind of adjustment. Adjustments range from the sale of a vehicle, the return of plates, insurance cancellation, overvaluation, etc. Even though the actual compilation only takes a few minutes on the computer, dealing with each taxpayer, either in person, on the phone or by mail, still takes a considerable amount of time.

Public relations is a large part of the work done in the Assessors office. Dealing with an irate taxpayer does try the patience of the staff. During a revaluation year it is even more tedious. The office staff does its best at all times to attend to each person's business on a courteous and efficient basis, and 99% of the time even the most enraged taxpayer can be soothed by a friendly smile of a helpful person. This is what the employees in the Assessors office attempt to do.

As in previous years, over 500 transfers were received from the South Middlesex Registry of Deeds. Over half of these were actual owner transfers while the rest were family transfers, intercorporation transfers, or transfers of convenience. These must be typed on an approved form and sent to the Department of Revenue for their use in compiling the equalized value for each city and town. These forms are also used by the Dept of Revenue to see if a city or town must do a complete revaluation or just an update. According to the law since the passage of Proposition 2½, each of the 351 cities and towns must update all their records, both real estate and personal property, every three years. If the Dept of Revenue deems it necessary a complete revaluation must be done. Once a transfer is received in the Assessors office, three different records must be changed. Now with the computer, instead of batching records for a service bureau, the changes can be done "in house".

Real estate abatements and exemptions and personal property abatements are also handled by the Assessors. Forms must be filed by each person seeking an abatement or exemption. If approved, a certificate must be sent out to the taxpayer, if denied, the taxpayer receives a denial form. These figures must be balanced each month with the Treasurer/Collector's office, and reported to the Town Accountant. In fiscal year 1985 the following abatements and exemptions were issued by the Assessors:

| | |
|---|---|
| **Exemptions - Real Estate** | |
| Number of Exemptions | 863 |
| Amount Exempted | $277,500 |
| **Abatements - Real Estate** | |
| Number of Abatements | 181 |
| Amount Abated | $ 71,700 |
| **Abatements - Personal Property** | |
| Number of Abatements | 21 |
| Amount Abated | $ 3,968 |

Listed below is the total value, total levy and the tax rate for fiscal year 1985:

| | |
|---|---|
| Total Value | $657,672,150 |
| Total Levy | $ 13,715,426 |
| Total Rate | $ 20.85 |

# DATA PROCESSING DEPARTMENT

The computer facility is managed by the data processing coordinator. At the present time, the town departments are utilizing an NCR 9300 computer in an on-line interactive environment to accomplish in-house data processing.

There are terminals and printers available in most of the offices in the town hall as well as in the computer room.

At the present time there are several applications which are on the town computer system. These include a financial management system, payroll, motor vehicle excise collection system, real and personal property billing and collection system, census and voter registration, betterments, inventory, and, soon to be put on the computer, a water and sewer billing system.

In addition to allowing each office to process their own data, this also allows immediate access to the latest information available.

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Department personnel, as of December 31, 1985, is as follows:

**Fire Chief** - Raymond L. Sorensen

**Fire Prevention Officer** - Captain Michael T. Murphy

**Group I** - Captain James McDermott
Lieutenant James Halpin
David Bettencourt, Gerald Crosby, William Dockery, Michael Flynn, Milo Ingalls, Joseph Lally, Brian McMahon, William McNulty, Albert Minotti and James Regan.

**Group II** - Captain William Abbott
Lieutenant Robert Dunphy
Charles Antinoro, Paul Bears, Paul Courtenay, Joseph Cryan, Frank Gould, Jr. Walter Johnson, William Kelley, William Kullman, Richard LeBlanc and Joseph Lupo.

**Group III** - Captain Frank Gould
Lieutenant Charles Fitzgerald
Frank Brown, Paul Burditt, Leon Curley, Charles Greenleaf, Douglas Griffin, Paul Kearney, Edward Manuel, John Scullin, Stanton Waite and Kevin Wynne.

**Group IV** - Captain William McLaughlin
Lieutenant William Carr
William Bambery, Samuel Earle, Dale Emery, John Fullerton, Richard Marengi, James McLaughlin, Frederick Petrillo, Joseph Rolli and Scott Webber.

**Fire Department Secretary** - Barbara Bouzan

**Motorized Equipment**

*The motorized equipment consists of:*

Engine 1 - 1977 Pirsch 1,000 gallon per minute engine
Engine 2 - 1973 Pirsch 1,000 gallon per minute engine
Engine 3 - 1977 Ford 300 gallon per minute engine
Engine 4 - 1962 Dodge 200 gallon per minute engine
Engine 5 - 1984 Pirsh 1,000 gallon per minute engine
Ladder I - 1969 Pirsh 85 ft. aerial ladder truck
Chief's Car - 1985 Chevrolet Sedan
Fire Prevention Car - 1979 Pontiac Sedan
Fire Alarm Truck - 1969 Ford Bucket Truck

The chassis and body of the Fire Alarm Truck is overdue for replacement. It is in use constantly on the Urban Systems, North Main Street Project as well as the rest of the Fire Alarm system. The deterioration of the body and chassis will present problems for its continued use.

Also, Engine 4, which is used for woods fires has some serious deterioration of the frame and body. It is necessary to have a vehicle that is able to navigate the narrow, poorly maintained roads in the Fells.

It is recommended that a pick-up truck with a skid pump be purchased this coming year. This will save on expensive equipment with low undercarriages being sent into the woodlands.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS**

With the increase in hazardous materials that the Fire Department encounters, two Hazardous Materials Proximity Suits should be purchased. This will allow us to deal promptly and safely with this problem.

Additional lighting equipment for large scale power outages is also needed.

In the Fire Station proper, the electrical service has to be modernized to meet the present load requirements. The present system serves the Fire Station/Annex and is proving to be inadequate.

The Department has established a Rescue Dive Team. While it is hoped that it will never have to be called on to save a youngster under the ice, the team has received vigorous training to do just that. The divers were equipped through the generosity of the New England Memorial Hospital. The Irish American Club of Malden contributed towards their training.



*Members of Stoneham Fire Department Rescue Dive Team*

**Fire Department Statistics**

| | |
|---|---|
| Box Alarms | 458 |
| Still Alarms | 1,252 |
| Total | 1,710 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| The amount of property endangered by fire | - | $1,316,500. |
| The amount destroyed by fire | - | 55,747. |
| The amount of insurance paid | - | 55,497. |
| The amount not covered by insurance | - | 250. |
| The amount of fire damage to motor vehicles | - | 62,500. |

The year 1985 had the best fire history in recent years. The citizens of Stoneham are to be congratulated. There were no deaths and only one civilian injury attributed to fire.

I also wish to convey to my Department, my appreciation for their contributions in the field of fire prevention as they make many, many in-service inspections, plus their day-to-day safety oriented dialogue with the public. All this helps to create an atmosphere of public awareness that certainly is a factor in this year's exceptionally low number of fire incidents.

The three 1,000 gallon per minute engines passed their annual service tests and all Fire Departments hose received a 250 pound test.

All the Town hydrants were given static and operating tests with the results forwarded to the Public Works Department.

**Fire Alarm**

The major emphasis was on completing the Urban Systems Project on North Main Street. In this conjunction, most of Oak Street was rewired and a single cable replaced all the overhead wires on Main Street. All the line work on this project was done under the direction of Captain James McDermott.

Several Master Boxes on apartment and commercial buildings were connected to our system.

Hurricane Gloria damaged our Fire Alarm System but all lines were repaired and operating within a day and one half and the mutual aid circuits were restored within three days. Firefighter/Linemen Paul Bears and Walter Johnson were on duty during the storm and they were able to get an early start on the many problems.

The Fire Alarm crew also installed line wire to the new Police Radio Repeaters. This involved installing, with the help of New England Memorial Hospital electricians, a repeater at the Hospital and one on the roof of Stonehill Towers and connecting all this back to the Police base station.

**Fire Prevention**

Engine Companies inspected all business establishments, schools, nursing homes and town property.

Over 2,500 children received fire safety demonstrations from Captain Michael Murphy and "Sparky" - the Fire Dog (Firefighter John Fullerton). These are quite effective and they teach good habits for the children as well as what to do under fire conditions and also hazards in the home.

Captain Michael Murphy has completed instruction in the "Juvenile Fire Setting Program" and he is available to families who have young children with this problem.

Other activities of the Fire Prevention Officer are listed below.

| | |
|---|---|
| Consultations | 116 |
| Site Inspections | 85 |
| Building Inspections | 62 |
| License Inspections | 3 |
| Oil Burners | 89 |
| L.P. Gas | 7 |
| Smoke Detectors | 339 |
| Other Inspections | 109 |
| Permits | 58 |
| School Programs | 61 |
| Standpipes | 3 |
| Sprinklers | 8 |
| Occupancy | 49 |
| Letters Sent | 316 |
| Plan Reviews | 43 |
| Attend Seminars | 13 |
| Beano Games Inspected | 2 |
| Plug Out Boxes | 34 |
| Complaints | 43 |
| Investigations | 119 |
| Court Appearances | 3 |
| Restore Systems | 31 |
| Baby-sitting Lectures | 1 |
| Informational Requests by Phone | 821 |

A total of $9,005.00 in fee collections was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

**Conclusion**

I would like to thank all Boards, Committees, Town Administrator, members of the Fire Department, Town Departments and the citizens of Stoneham for their cooperation.

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Stoneham Police Department has once again demonstrated that it is one of the most active and better trained departments in the area. Boston Magazine rated this Police Department as the safest within the Route 128 area which contains a multitude of cities and towns.

A goal of the Police Department during 1985 was to reduce motor vehicle accidents thereby reducing personal injuries through increased traffic enforcement. This was accomplished as more citations were issued and the motor vehicle accident rate was greatly reduced which can be credited to the diligence of each member of the department.

The rate of calls for services has also increased, which means that the department is getting busier each year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of the Town of Stoneham for their cooperation which has allowed this department to be so successful in the performance of its duties. Without your help we would be unable to carry out our mission in protecting the lives and property of this community.

## Schools Attended by Officers in 1985

Civil Liability was attended by Lt. DelRossi, Sgt. DelTergo, D'Onofrio, Duggan and O'Keefe.

Civil Rights Violations was attended by Officers Cullen, Denehy, Richard McCarthy, Reinold, Rotondi, Smith and Sgt. Swasey.

Command/Control Hostage Situations was attended by Sgt. Swasey and Inspector Leccese.

Controlled Substances was attended by Inspector Leccese.

Creative Problem Solving was attended by Sgt. Swasey.

Crime Prevention Officers Training was attended by Officer Marino.

Defensive Driving was attended by Sgt. O'Keefe.

Drug Abuse Enforcement was attended by Inspector Leccese.

Drug Raid and Planning was attended by Officer Surette.

Field Sobriety Testing was attended by Sgt. O'Keefe.

Firearms Instructor Course was attended by Officers Bates and Rotondi.

First Responder Instructor Course was attended by Sgt. D'Onofrio.

Handcuffing Course was attended by Officers Richard McCarthy, Reinold and Smith.

Hostage/Barricade Negotiations was attended by Inspector Alger, McDonough and Officer Surette.

Interview/Interrogation was attended by Officers Denehy, DiCarlo and Rotondi.

Management by Objectives was attended by Sgt. Swasey.

Management of Time was attended by Sgt. Swasey.

Management Training was attended by Sgt. O'Keefe.

Motivating Subordinates was attended by Sgt. Swasey.

Officer Survival Seminar was attended by Officers Bates, Reinold, Rotondi and Sgt. Swasey.

Professional Development - Computers and EDP in Policing was attended by Sgt. O'Keefe.

Responder Instructor Course was attended by Sgt. D'Onofrio.

Revolver Instructor Course was attended by Officer Rotondi.

Safety Officer Seminar was attended by Officer Duff.

Street Survival Seminar was attended by Officers Bates, Denehy, Richard McCarthy and Rotondi.

Stress Awareness was attended by Officer DiCarlo.

Suicide Prevention was attended by Officers Denehy, Richard McCarthy, Warren McCarthy, Reinold, Surette and Sgt. Swasey.

Supreme Court Decisions Seminar was attended by Officers Richard McCarthy, Reinold, Smith and Sgt. O'Keefe.

Victim Abuse Seminar was attended by Inspector Alger and Officer Surette.

# Detective Bureau and Prosecution Division

The unit is made up of the following: Sergeant Detective Edward Pinato, in charge, Detective Robert Moreira, Detective George Alger, Prosector Detective John Leccese and Detective Richard McDonough.

The investigation and prosecution of street and violent crime was one of our top priorities. The other was professional prosecutorial performances both at hearings and at the final trial working hand in hand with the DA's office.

I think the following report reflects that we have done just that. With 100% convictions of persons arrested for drunk driving and other violent crimes, this is crucial to laying the foundation of a professional criminal bureau. The criminal bureau in 1985 began to mount a comprehensive effort to address the problems of default warrants and we served 516 motor vehicle warrants which returned thousands of dollars to the Town of Stoneham in addition to serving other criminal warrants for wanted persons.

I firmly believe we can win the battle against crime and the public can be protected against crime and that justice can be meted out swiftly, fairly and equally in this town.

The following is a breakdown of the different crimes, the number of persons arrested for these crimes and the monies collected by the Town of Stoneham for moving violations and parking tickets.

The cry again in 1985 was for safer highways and to get the drunk driver off the road. We had 28 persons arrested and convicted of these offenses in 1985 as compared to 15 arrests in 1984. In the other area of alcohol offenses we brought in 81 persons for protective custody and arrested 47 persons for drinking in public or minors in possession of liquor.



Still in the area of highway safety, moving motor vehicle citations in Stoneham netted $88,776 and the parking violations $38,919 for a total of $127,695 as compared to $101,132 in 1984.

I am happy to report that there were no murders in Stoneham in 1985. We did investigate 21 sudden deaths which were reported to the Medical Examiner.

We had 4 armed robberies with 4 persons arrested for armed robbery; one case still open, 3 cleared by arrests.

We investigated 86 larcencies of all types with 70 arrests and 19 cases settled by court hearings and restitution.

Still in another area of larceny which is larceny by check, which affects mostly our business people and

banks, we handled 312 cases of which we cleared 271 either by arrest, restitution or court hearings.

In the area of warrants which is increasing every year with the new court reform, we cleared 516 cases as compared to 307 in 1984. Most of these were for moving motor vehicle violations. We also handled 51 cases of 209A which is a family abuse case filed by either husband or wife or boyfriend/girlfriend where people are living together.

We arrested 21 persons for narcotics offenses which include marijuana, cocaine, heroin and possession of hypodermic needles. We also brought to the Department of Food and Drug, 27 samples to be tested for some type of narcotic or harmful drug.



*Major dealer in cocaine was arrested in the Town of Stoneham. (Result of the action.)*

Breaking and entering, a crime that plagues all cities and towns, has a great impact on the public community. We investigated 121 cases of B & E with 38 arrests as compared to 87 B & E's and 24 arrests in 1984. We also charged 11 persons with receiving stolen property, a crime that goes hand in hand with B & E's.

We investigated 27 various types of sex offenses from exposing cases to obscene phone calls with 11 persons charged with these crimes. We also had 4 rape cases reported in Stoneham with 4 arrests and all of these cases cleared.

We investigated 98 cars reported stolen in Stoneham with 12 persons arrested for larceny of motor vehicles. We recovered 54 cars in Stoneham, and 43 in other cities and towns.

The department recorded 8,733 incidents and we served 547 summonses and additionally, there were 320 people arrested, booked, fingerprinted and photographed by this department.

We are still one of the leaders in our monthly Detective Meetings which is represented by more than 80 police departments. These meetings were well attended by all departments through the year with great success and several hundred arrests and IDs of persons wanted for all types of crime.

# Safety Officer

Assigned to regular cruiser duty and desk duty for 72 shifts; also assisted cruiser officers and desk officer throughout the year when needed.

Distributed 120 safety calendars throughout the community.

Distributed and picked up March of Dimes cannisters.

Made up 1985 automobile accident pin map.

Wrote 44 reports for Chief Passaro; 2 reports for Town Counsel.

Took 11 traffic surveys.

Answered 482 safety complaints from merchants, residents, and others; also police-related matters.

Answered 56 situations with utility companies.

Gave 14 tours of police station for civic organizations and school children.

Set up and coordinated 5 road races.

Met and had conversation with Personnel Board 9 times.

Assisted Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicle Inspectors 16 times.

Gave 6 safety talks to babysitters at the New England Memorial Hospital; 9 safety talks and displays to civic organizations.

Made payroll and weekly replacements for 36 school weeks.

Attended 18 traffic director meetings.

Processed for hire and trained 6 new spare traffic directors who replaced personnel who resigned.

Answered 392 complaints regarding various safety matters such as motor vehicles, school buses, missing signs, road hazards, youths not obeying, etc.

**Schools**

Met with various school administrators and school principals 59 times throughout the year regarding safety matters inside buildings and also pertaining to school buses, student and motor vehicle safety.

Gave pedestrian safety talks with a ventriloquist to all elementary school children in the system. Also assisted in police ID Fingerprint Program to all elementary school children in the system.

Gave out safety booklets and safety decals to all school children grades K-4; also showed a film and gave a talk on strangers to all students grades 4 & 5. Showed a film and gave a talk on drinking, drugs and driving under the influence to grades 11 & 12 during Prom Week.

Gave a set of safety booklets and talked to 5 Stoneham High School Driver Education classes. Gave

emergency school bus evacuation to all elementary students, grades K-6 and also gave a program to school bus students grades 7-12.

Checked all schools throughout the year at various times relative to both motor vehicle and pedestrian safety habits.

**School Buses**

Assisted in making up school bus routes throughout the system. Met with all Stoneham school bus drivers and explained to them our expectations regarding their safe operations and that all complaints be forwarded to the Safety Officer whether it be motor vehicle or passenger problems.

Answered 44 school bus complaints, 20 motor vehicle complaints and 18 passenger complaints. Checked school buses while in operation pertaining to safety, proper equipment and cleanliness.

Spoke to Mr. Feeley and Mr. Fiore, the Vocational School Bus Administrator and owner of the company relative to various bus stops, operational procedures, and student behavior while in the limits of the Town of Stoneham.

**Stoneham Department of Public Works**

Met with and had conversation with the Department of Public Works and engineers 149 times throughout the year regarding various safety matters such as missing or damaged traffic signals, warning signs and regulatory controls. Also sidewalk and roadway hazards and conditions, Topics, shrubs, trees, snowplowing, etc. Also, the painting of various crosswalks, center lines and other roadway painting.

Answered 47 Department of Public Works complaints from merchants/residents creating safety hazards while plowing snow.

Assisted and checked daily detour signs, motor vehicle and pedestrian traffic while the North Main Street construction was in progress. Also directed traffic 9 times for the Department of Public Works while doing minor roadway repairs.

**State Department of Public Works and Police**

Had various meetings and conversation with departments relative to the posting of speed limit, stop signs, yield signs throughout the community. Also, the malfunctioning or missing traffic control signals, signs on their roadways; also hazardous roadway debris, potholes, etc. in this community.

**MDC Department of Public Works and Police**

Had various meetings and conversation regarding missing or malfunctioning traffic signals and signs; also hazardous conditions of the roadways and sidewalks that are under their jurisdiction in this Town.

# Traffic Directors

There are 28 permanent traffic directors and 8 spare traffic directors assigned to this department. They cover 28 traffic posts, 180 school days a year plus any early school dismissal throughout the year. They cover 7 elemenentary schools, one Jr. High and one Sr. High School with a total school enrollment of 3,191 of which 602 students are bussed. Traffic directors do have the authority to issue motor vehicle citations to violators of M/V rules and regulations during their tour of duty.

Traffic directors have been at their post faithfully from 7° below zero through rain, sleet, hail and snow to 93° weather.

The following was reported to the Safety Officer by Traffic Directors throughout the school year.

61 M/V registration numbers turned in for various moving traffic violations.

41 M/V's parked on sidewalks.

18 M/V's passing school buses.

11 M/V operators acting strange around school children.

13 complaints of stray dogs around traffic posts and schools.

44 abuse cases given to Traffic Directors by motorists either verbally or by gesture.

24 students not crossing at proper locations.

55 motorists causing unsafe conditions at various schools, picking up or letting off school children.

4 reports of missing detour signs that they place out before and after their tour of duty.

19 late children driven to school by Traffic Directors.

4 lost children were assisted by Traffic Directors.

Traffic Director President Marie Ponzo conducted the monthly meetings held on the first Monday of each month during the school year. These meetings consisted of any complaints relative to traffic or safety, early dismissals throughout the month, issuing and replacing uniforms; also a talk from Safety Officer Duff relative to employees and various safety matters and training.

Sandra Curti received citations from the Police Department and the Board of Selectmen for her performance above and beyond the call of duty.

# Traffic Bureau Statistics

Reported M/V Accidents:

1984: 703 1985: 579

A decrease of 124

| YEAR | COMPLAINTS | ARRESTS | WARNINGS | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1984 | 951 | 40 | 427 | 1418 |
| 1985 | 1099 | 57 | 448 | 1604 |
| Increase in 1985 | 148 | 17 | 21 | 186 |

Motor vehicle accidents decreased and motor vehicle citations increased mainly due to the increased police department personnel assigned to selective enforcement by police administrators, coupled with the dedication of members of this department in performing their obligations to the public.

**PARKING TICKETS**

1984: 3,270 1985: 3592

# Tactical Police Force

The Tactical Police Force of Stoneham consists of Sgt. Thomas Taranti, Officer William Surette, Officer George Alger, Officer Richard McCarthy, Officer Ed Peek, Officer Steve Nims.

The TPF consists of police officers from 16 cities and towns which is divided into the north sector and the south sector. Stoneham is in the south sector along with Andover, Lawrence, Methuen, Melrose, Reading and Winchester.

The mission of the TPF has changed over the years. In the '60s and early '70s, the TPF's goal was to quell disturbances and civil unrests, mainly antiwar demonstrators and race riots.

In the 1980's, the role of the TPF has changed. We, as an organization, not only have to function as a large group but also as splinter groups i.e., hostage negotiations team, assault group, scuba teams and anti-sniper and anti-terrorist teams. We have been trained to meet society's needs in the 1980's.

We can also be called when a problem arises in the community such as a lost child, or with major crimes, by helping comb the woods for weapons and other evidence of the crime.

The TPF meets twice a month. This year alone we have had two training sessions with revolvers and shotguns; one of these sessions being nightfiring. We have had simulated barricaded armed suspects with hostages; we have been trained in the asistance of evacuation of an area where hazardous materials are present due to a spill or accident. We have also been trained this year in proper procedures in searching buildings for explosive devices. The program was put on by the U.S. Air Force Bomb Exposure Unit.

Every meeting has been devoted to marching, safe handling of prisoners, mass arrests during civil disturbances and in general, trying to have one group of men, from separate cities and towns, work together as one unit.

In ending, I would like to thank businesses that have supported us, and Chief Passaro for feeling the need for this group to continue.

# Auxiliary Police

The Auxiliary Police of the Town of Stoneham, Sergeant Robert Swasey, Liaison, had a very active year and participated in such things as patrolling public property, assisting in the direction of the Explorer Scouts Unit, handling traffic and security for Town Day, as well as Winter Wonderland which was held at Whip Hill. They also provided safety and security during the Memorial Day Parade, as well as road races conducted by the Irish American Club and the Boys Club. The Auxiliary Police also participated in a very successful Lost Child Search exercise along with the Stoneham Explorer Scouts and other emergency services from the Town.

The Unit was also extensively trained in both night and day firing which is mandated by the laws of the Commonwealth. The training they received is extensive and included courses set up at Northeast Regional Police Institute in Tewksbury.

Their service to the community is done totally on a voluntary basis and the citizens of Stoneham should be very proud of the Unit.

# Stoneham Police Explorers Post #2560

Stoneham Police Explorer Post #2560 has continued to be active in the community throughout the year. They have assisted at several community events such as Town Day and Memorial Day programs and have provided security and support for the following: 75th Anniversary Boy Scout Camporee, Hanscom Air Force Base Open House, WSSC Fourth of July Parade, Irish American Road Race, Boys Club Road Race, New England Memorial Hospital Road Race, Boy Scout Skill Show, Commission for Handicapped Fund Raiser, Fingerprinting program, Winter Wonderland and the decorating of the Veterans' graves for Memorial Day.



Explorers also provide security for public buildings several times during the year. During Hurricane "GLORIA", Explorers assisted the Civil Defense in manning the Evacuation and Emergency center set up at the Jr. High School. The Explorers attended a 14 week training pro-

gram held at the Northeast Regional Police Academy in Tewksbury and received training in such subjects as CPR, First Aid and Emergency Rescue.



*"Raggedy Ann" Project (Lost Child Search)*

Explorers attend field training in Winchendon, Massachusetts and participated in emergency lost child exercises held at Middlesex Fells Reservation. They are supported entirely by the generosity of the public and from fundraising efforts of the members.

The Post would like to thank all of its supporters and everyone who has assisted with this worthwhile and productive youth program.

# Juvenile Division

The Juvenile Officer, William J. Surette, is responsible for investigations relating to crimes committed by persons age 7 to 17 as defined by State Law. Investigations involving crimes against minor children are also investigated. The Juvenile Officer works closely with the school and court officials in cases involving juveniles with criminal and social problems. Cases involving child abuse, incest and rape are investigated and, as mandated by Law, reported to the Department of Social Services.

Drub abuse and liquor violations continue to be an ongoing problem involving the youth of our community. Our continuing support is given to drug education and diversion programs which are ongoing to address this serious problem. I have continued my training to gain more expertise in handling youth-related problems and have continued to support the programs of the Massachusetts Juvenile Officers Association.

I would like to thank the Stoneham Public Schools for their help and support throughout the year as well as the officers of the Stoneham Police for their assistance.

# Crime Prevention Unit

The Crime Prevention Unit, (William J. Surette, Crime Prevention Officer), has continued to help make the citizens of Stoneham more aware of crime, and better methods and techniques to reduce the opportunity of becoming victims.

Statistically, we have enjoyed a reduction overall of serious crime in our community. This is due to more improved security at businesses and homes in town and the willingness of the public to get involved and cooperate with the police by calling in about suspicious activity and providing information. There is no mystery to the fact that without the eyes and ears of the public, law enforcement efforts would not be effective.

Programs of the Crime Prevention Unit included the yearly fingerprinting of school children, technical support and assistance to business owners, training programs for bank institutions and safety programs for the elderly.

This year the Stoneham Independent, Greater Boston Cable, and Fire Department, along with the Stoneham Police, established in the First Alert Program of its kind to assist in the investigation of missing children. A successful test of the program was conducted in November.

Additional training will be continued throughout the year and more agency exercises are being planned.

# Pistol Permits, F.I.D. Cards, Dealer and Ammo Licenses

**Sergeant Thomas Taranti**
**Firearms Officer**

For the year 1985, Chief Passaro's philosophy in dealing with the issuance of pistol permits is that unless the citizen is a trained Police Officer or trained Law Enforcement Officer, he or she, to renew their license to carry firearms, is to take a test with us. They are to attend a class on instruction in safely handling firearms and firing weapons. The citizen has to successfully pass a written examination given by Mr. Edward Proodian, as well as a test on the actual firing of a weapon.

In the year 1985, the Town of Stoneham issued One Hundred and Twenty-Nine (129) pistol permits (sixteen of which were new issue), whereas in 1984, One Hundred and Sixty-Four (164) pistol permits were issued - down 35 permits. As you can see, we are reducing the number of permits in our town every year.

In 1985, we also essued Eighty-Nine (89) Firearm Identification Cards, two (2) gunsmith licenses and five (5) dealer licenses.

# Training

1985 was another busy year at the Northeast Regional Police Institute. The size of the Institute has now grown to 40 cities and towns (Stoneham was one of the original 17) with approximately 1600 officers attending during the year.

As in the past, the Institute provides 40 hours of in-service training for every officer that attends. The Institute has also provided additional training in specialized areas such as suicide prevention, advanced management training, etc.

1985 was the first completed year of a two phase weapons qualifications program. All officers qualified under both day and night firing conditions.

The department is in the process of obtaining an in-house computer system to help handle the ever growing amount of paperwork that passes through our doors. With the installation of the computer, we will be able to provide more safety for our officers and better service to the people of Stoneham.

# Firearms Training

All officers of the Stoneham Police Department have received firearms training for the year 1985 and have met the requirements set forth by the Massachusetts Training Council relating to the type of course fired. Minimum scoring, type of ammunition and certification instructors.

Officers of the department have received additional training on tactical firing and night fire operations. 65% of the department's weapons have been replaced with new and more reliable weapons. Safety holsters have been issued with these weapons. Officers have received information and training on department policy relating to the proper care and handling of firearms.

# DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL DEFENSE

The Director, by his attendance at seminars and workshops, was kept abreast of the latest changes in disaster funding, thereby making information available when it came time to do the paper work on Hurricane Gloria. Hurricane Gloria, while not as severe as was expected, nevertheless, did do extensive damage to the shade trees within the town, resulting in many falling power lines.

Members of both the police and fire auxiliaries were put into action upon the Declaration of Emergency by the Governor, assisting the members of the regular Police and Fire Departments in answering calls, manning the shelter, transporting people when needed, and doing whatever had to be done to get the job done.

Hurricane Gloria demontrated that civil defense is the coordinating of many departments and people to mitigate the damaging effects of a disaster, and, put another way, it is people helping people in time of need.

# Auxiliary Fire Department

During the year, members of the department started to refurbish the present lighting truck. This is the truck that has emergency as well as portable power generators. It responds to any type of emergency requiring light and power. During the period that the truck was being refurbished, it was never out of service and, during Hurricane Gloria, it assisted the regular Fire Department in answering calls and filling in where needed.

# Auxiliary Police Department

During the year, members of this department continued to volunteer their time and services patrolling town properties on weekends. They also performed traffic duty and crowd control at all marathons and civic functions held within the town.

In keeping with Chief Passaro's orders that members of the auxiliaries be trained in law enforcement, six more members attended and graduated from the thirteen (13) week course conducted by the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council at its academy in Tewksbury. As part of their "in service" training program, all members are trained as "First Responder", meaning that they are trained in CPR, emergency child birth, and first aid, as well as what to do at the scene of an accident before the EMT's arrive. All personnel have been trained in the use of weapons, and successfully passed the State-approved course in day and night firing. During the year, the auxiliary members, along with the Police Explorers' Post, and police and fire personnel, took part in a lost child exercise.

The auxiliaries, through their volunteer time and service to the town, save better than $70,000.00 per year in personnel costs.

# Fuel Assistance Program

This program assisted over three hundred (300) families with 285 of them receiving direct fuel assistance aid to help pay their oil, electricity, or gas heating bills. Seventeen families, in addition, had their utility bills paid so that they were not terminated. Another 25 families had some form of winterization work done to their homes. All told, this program, which does not receive much publicity, is responsible for townspeople receiving better than $180,000. at no cost to the town except for a telephone and desk space. As impressive as this amount may be, it must be borne in mind that the purpose of the program is to help people survive, and this goal was met.

# Hazardous Waste

1985 was the year that saw the final act in the closing down and removal of the "tank farm" on Manison Street. Because the decision came down late in the year, the final physical removal of the tanks will not take place until spring of 1986.

With the information that was available to this department, we believe that at no time were there any health hazards or danger to people living or working in the area. The potential was there, and that was the reason for getting the tanks removed.

# Summary

In bringing this report to a close, I would be remiss if I did not publicly thank the many people and departments within the town who helped make this department function as it did.

Future plans call for an expansion of the auxiliary forces, establishment of a permanent office for fuel assistance, which now has become almost a year round activity. This office will be centrally located to afford accessibility to the townspeople.

We also hope to set up a community "hazardous waste day" so that townspeople can dispose of their hazardous waste legally and at no cost to them.

All in all, this little known department of Civil Defense was instrumental in the town receiving aid in cash, or like value, of better than $305,000.00 and, on this note, I again say THANK YOU to all who made this possible.

# BOARD OF HEALTH

The objectives of this department have been, and continue to be, the prevention of disease, as well as the preservation and improvement of the quality of life for the residents of Stoneham.

The members of the Board of Health instituted new rules and regulations regarding sandblasting and landfill operations in the town. Both operations now need permits from this office before they can be carried out.

Due to the concern of residents over hazardous dumping in the town, we conducted many Public Hearings on various landfill sites to determine the quality of landfill and to issue site assignments.

The Board continues to lend support to organizations dealing in Prevention/Education, Mental Health and the Association for Retarded Citizens.

Eighty-five dogs were immunized against rabies at our annual Rabies Clinic in March. This program is sponsored by the Board of Health and open to all residents of the town for a minimal fee.

Biological items and diagnostic kits provided by the State Department of Public Health are available on request to all local doctors and the New England Memorial Hospital.

**REPORTABLE DISEASES 1985**

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| Animal bites | 17 | Salmonella | 18 |
| Chickenpox | 51 | Strep | 15 |
| Meningitis | 9 | TB | 1 |

This department issues over two hundred licenses/permits for contractors, dumpsters and establishments dealing with food.

The total money collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer for 1985 was $6,255.00.

The staff and members of the Board of Health miss the presence of Frank Dunn, who resigned from the Board in September. Many thanks are due him for his interest and service to the town.

The Board of Health will continue to assess and improve the services offered to the town. We shall also continue to provide the mandated programs required to meet the needs of the people of Stoneham.

# HEALTH OFFICER

It has been a busy year checking out the various landfill operations taking place in the town. I have had to be on hand during test hole diggings to determine the quality of fill deposited, and present at numerous Public Hearings conducted by the Board of Health.

There have been many complaints to follow up on regarding tenant/landlord situations, overflowing dumpsters, food preparation and storage, unsanitary conditions in public places, and rodent control.

During the year, I have inspected each of the restaurant and food service establishments in town, as well as grocery and variety stores, nursing homes, commissaries, schools, semi-public swimming pools, bakeries, and the hospital.

I have made inspections on all the new homes, apartments and condominiums before signing an occupancy permit.

I wish to acknowledge with sincere thanks, the close cooperation which I have received from the citizens of Stoneham, as well as the staff and members of the Board, other departments and to all who have contributed to the Board of Health's efforts.

# BOARD OF HEALTH NURSES REPORT

**ADULT HEALTH**

**Blood Pressure:** Forty-five (45) Monday Clinics were held.

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| Repeat Patients | 2,354 |
| New Patients | 78 |
| Home Visits | 432 |
| Office Visits | 118 |
| TOTAL BLOOD PRESSURE | 2,982 |

Two hundred seventy-eight (278) people were referred to their physicians either as new hypertensive or in need of change in medication and re-evaluation.

**Diabetic Detection Clinic:** Five (5) Clinics were held.

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| Repeat Patients | 162 |
| New Patients | 17 |
| Office Patients | 9 |
| TOTAL DIABETIC DETECTION CLINIC | 188 |

Thirty (30) were referred to physicians for treatment and follow-up.

**FLU AND PNEUMONIA VACCINE CLINICS**

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| Patients in three (3) Nursing Homes | 98 |
| Two Announced Clinics | 518 |
| Shut-ins - Home Visits | 39 |
| People at Risk | 41 |
| TOTAL FLU VACCINES | 696 |
| Pneumonia Vaccine | 87 |
| One shot provides life-time immunity | |
| TOTAL IMMUNIZED | 783 |

The above-mentioned Clinics are routinely held at the Council on Aging Health Room. This Center has easier parking, two (2) ramps and will provide transportation when necessary. All these clinics, however, are for people of all ages.

**HEALTH FAIR**

The Health team participated in the May Health Fair. This year we did blood tests for Anemia. We did seventy-four (74) tests, nutritional counseling and made referrals to physicians.

**COMMUNICABLE DISEASE**

**Tuberculosis - Disease & Control:**

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| New Cases | 1 |
| Home Visits | 16 |
| TOTAL TUBERCULOSIS CASES VISITED | 17 |

**Mantoux (T.B.) Screening Clinics for Adults**

Twelve (12) Clinics held

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| M.D.C. Zoo Employees | 27 |
| Nursing Home Empoyees | 55 |
| New School Employees, etc. | 138 |
| TOTAL ADULTS TESTED | 220 |

**Tine (T.B.) Screening for Students:**

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| Grades 7 and 11 | 368 |
| TOTAL T.B. TESTS | 588 |

Fifteen (15) persons were referred for X-Rays and follow-up at Middlesex. County Sanitarium or their own physicians.

**Communicable Disease Cases**

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| Hepatitis | 1 |
| Viral Meningitis | 9 |
| Salmonella C | 18 |

We had an outbreak of Chicken Pox this spring. State law requires hospitals, clinics, and physicians to report any diseases dangerous to public health. We are required to keep statistical reports that must be made out and returned to State Department of Public Health after the patient is contacted and all necessary information gathered. Some Salmonella cases often take months of follow-up before patients and/or families are cleared up.

We continue to see patients and examine children for pediculosis (NITS.)

**INFANT & PRESCHOOL HEALTH**

Immunization Clinics:

Four (4) Spring & four (4) Fall (8)

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| Clinics and Office | 187 |
| Student Up-Date Clinic | 120 |
| TOTAL IMMUNIZED | 307 |
| Premature Births | 14 |

**Well-Child Clinics**

There were eight (8) Clinics held for infant and pre-school and the school age child. 42

These clinics are important to the young families that attend. The child is weighed, measured, examined and tested for Lead Paint, T.B. and anemia. Immunizations are given as required in the early months. In addition to keeping our own records, we have school forms, W.I.C. Certification forms and Summer Camp forms to be made out and copies made for the parents.

There is vaccine in need of refrigeration, syringes, medical equipment and supplies that we have to have at these clinics. We have been in the Town Hall Annex over fifteen (15) months now and have had to carry all these necessary items to the Town Hall Clinic room and back, regardless of weather. It has been most discouraging and has in some instances ruined our credibility.

We are hopeful that 1986 will see the Board of Health and Clinic all under one roof.

**DENTAL HEALTH**

A grant proposal was compiled, written and requested by Mrs. Jean O'Melia for the Fluoride Mouthrinse Program and submitted to the Department of Public Health, Dental Division on May 15, 1985. Approval of this grant request was received on June 13th. This grant for Fluoride Mouthrinse Program provides all the materials necessary to sustain this worthwhile program for the entire school year. The Fluoride Mouthrinse Program operates in six (6) primary schools in Grades 1 through 4 for thirty-three (33) consecutive weeks.

The Board of Health Nurse is assisted by volunteers from the various schools in conducting this program. These volunteers are required to attend a two-hour seminar which will be held in the fall. This seminar is conducted by the Board of Health Nurse and a representative from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Dental Division.

## SCHOOL HEALTH

State mandated vision and hearing tests were conducted in the private schools.

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| Students Screened | 851 |
| Students Rescreened & Referred to Physican for Follow-up | 79 |
| TOTAL TESTED | 930 |

## VACCINE

Stoneham draws vaccine from the Department of Public Health regional office in Tewksbury. We continue to distribute vaccine to the hospital, clinincs and local physicians. We have to maintain records of amounts of vaccine received and to whom it is dispensed.

The vaccines available are: Polio, M.M.R., D.P.T., Tet Diphtheria, Tet Toxoid, Gamma Globulin and P.P.D. for Tuberculosis testing.

The nurses attend classes and seminars throughout the year as part of their continuous education as required for registration in Massachusetts.

In addition to the above programs the health team made a total of:

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| Home Visits | 1,016 |
| Office Visits | 704 |
| Nurse/Doctor Consultations | 204 |
| Nurse/Parent Consultations | 208 |
| Nurse/Teacher Consultations | 73 |

# COUNCIL ON AGING SENIOR CENTER

The year 1985 saw increasing professionalism both reflected in the department functions and the board activities. This was evident in the issues and programs presented to the public during the year. At the same time, traditional programs of socialization, recreation and entertainment were maintained. Essentially, the department balanced the programs, services, and activities with the diverse group of elderly in the town of Stoneham.

Our functions were not limited to the Senior Center facility but branched out to the community via presentation of issues to the elderly public on such matters as D.R.G.'s in hospital care, Social Security, SSI and the like. These were presented by way of our publication the *Stoneham Sentinel* and the local newspaper. We also reached out to elders thru our outreach program and our reached out to elders through our outreach program and our geared to be both for educational purposes as well as for simple fun. They ranged from visits to the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, educational program to Museum of Fine Arts as well as visits to the North Shore and Cape Cod. Again, each trip was geared to a slightly different group.

This department has and must continue to address the needs of the isolated, physically frail and financially impoverished elders. At the same time, this department has and must meet the needs of the well, the active and the middle class seniors who desire and need recreational, cultural, and educational activities/services. The biggest challenge of this department is to balance the services to meet the needs of the diverse population of elders with professionalism, fairness, integrity and compassion.

1985 featured a successful Open House in May. Through the co-operation of Selectmen Chairman Rolli, Council on Aging Members and staff, the open house was more than an event, it symbolized an invitation and encouragement to all Stoneham elders to join us in our activities and efforts.

Our services as a department ranged from classes in poetry and creative writing to a swim program and line dancing. This department distributed U.S. Gov't surplus food to the needy of all ages as well as sponsoring various parties and functions.

Some services/programs of this municipal agency during 1985 were as follows:

- Information & referral to appropriate agencies/servces
- Outreach to homebound & isolated
- Van transit/medical tranportation within town
- Outreach check by phone/in person of isolated/troubled
- Line Dancing
- Exercise Class
- Writing & Poetry Class
- Intermediate Bridge & Play
- Beginners Bridge
- Crafts Group
- Parties
- Annual Senior Picnic
- Beano
- U.S. Gov't Food Distribution to Needy
- Walking Group
- Transit to Downtown Boston/and Malls
- Transit for food shopping
- Van transit to Senior Center
- Swimming
- Whist
- Men's Card Group
- Social Security Representative - with talk and question period
- Legal Services
- Lectures
- Noon Meals/Meals on Wheels
- Drop - in Center Activities
- Blood Pressure Clinics
- Diabetes Testing Clinics
- Flu & Pheumonia Shot Clinics
- Trips to New England Attractions/Luncheons, etc.

### Future

Future needs of this department will reflect the ever growing number of elders in our local population. Not only are the elderly a larger group, the group has varied interests and needs.

**Immediate Future Concerns**

1) Adequate financial support for services, programs and staff salaries must be fair and in line with responsible mission of caring for the elderly.

2) The department must continue to meet the needs of a **wide** variety of interests & concerns. Strong efforts must be made to reach **all** segments of the elder population (frail & well; young elders & mature elders; physically active & passive; poor & middle class; and those of all interests.)

3) Finally, we must continue to operate with compassion & fairness to all.

# STONEHAM YOUTH COMMISSION

The Youth Commission is a coordinating board established under Chapter 40, Section 8E, of the General Laws of Massachusetts and accepted by the vote of the Town Meeting on December 1, 1969. The Recreation Committee was consolidated with the Youth Commission in 1983. The consolidation has brought into the Youth Commission responsibilities of the Recreation Committee, namely, issuing permits for the use of and scheduling the use of town parks and playgrounds, running a summer park program for the youth of town and a tennis program, also funding of Camp Hope.

**Permits**

During the past year, 45 permits were issued for the parks and playgrounds, 47 permits for the tennis courts. Sixty-seven individuals and organizations, including the school department, used the parks, playgrounds and tennis courts.

**Tennis Program**

Brad Weisse and Sharon Russell conducted a 5 week Tennis Program for youth and adults. The program covered the basic fundamentals and knowledge of tennis to beginners, intermediate and advanced players.

**Summer Drama Workshop**

Maureen Burke, with the assistance of Charles Rizzo, supervised and produced this year's Summer Drama Workshop.

Forty boys and girls participated in a six week program ending with the production of "Babes in Toyland". Twenty boys and girls participated in the teen group production of "The King and I."

The Summer Drama Workshop continues to be a popular program and grows each year due greatly to the Massachusetts Arts Lottery Grant and the efforts of Mrs. Burke who wrote the proposal which resulted in the grant.

**Summer Parks Program**

Under the supervision of Thomas Vennochi, over 400 children ages six to seventeen, participated in six weeks of activities. Six parks were open five days a week, five hours each day. Ron Arigo, Dante Bertolino, Christopher D'Ambrosio, Maura Doran, Diana Doucette, Meg Gebhard, Susan Gillespie, Christine Simpson, Lizabeth Wood, Rocco Zizza and John Carroll were the park instructors. Phyllis Warren was the Arts/Crafts instructor and traveled to each park one day a week. Beach trips, Carnival Day, and Field Trips were some of the activities held at the various parks.

**Girls Gymnastic Clinic**

The girls gymnastic clinic was held at Stoneham High School for two weeks in July for girls ages 6 to 17. Beginners, intermediates and advanced gymnastics were taught by Cynthia Carbone, Varsity Gymnastics Coach.

**Rent-A-Kid**

The Commission continued to upgrade the Rent-A-Kid program. Applications were sent to the High School and Jr. High School in an attempt to increase our employee file.

**Benefit Softball Game**

We concluded our summer park program with a softball game at the High School. George Sullivan's team of Town Employees was victorious over our team lead by Tom Vennochi.

**Referral/Information**

The Youth Commission acts as an information and referral agent for many youth activities including schedules, school information, recreation activities, counseling services and community activities.

# COMMISSION FOR THE HANDICAPPED

The Board of Selectmen's Commission for the Handicapped continues to hold monthly meetings at Our Place, Meld Center, 38 Pleasant Street, Stoneham.

As reported last year, we were awarded a Massachusetts Arts Lottery Grant for $2,500. In April we sponsored The New Black Eagles Jazz Band Concert at Stoneham High School. It was well attended and a great success. The money raised from this fund-raising event helped us to establish our Scholarship Fund for a handicapped child or the child of handicapped parents.

Other fund-raising projects were a Flea Market with Our Place and a raffle at Stoneham Town Day. We are very grateful to Gerald's of Stoneham, J.J. Grimsby's, Stoneham, Gay's Florist, Stoneham and Fortini's of Beverly for their donations to our raffle. Thank you.

John Moran and Paul Surette were guests of 'The Nick Apalakis Show' on Cable TV. They spoke of the New Black Eagle Jazz Band Concert and enlightened the audience to the Stoneham Commission for the Handicapped, their aims, goals and needs. They urged the community to become aware of the handicapped and try to assist them any way they can.

Jan Dawson and Mary Wiley were interviewed by Jim Rouillard of the Middlesex East Newspaper. They explain-

ed the goals of the handicapped and what the Commission is trying to do to educate the community as to the needs of the handicapped. These endeavors represent full participation of able and disabled PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE.

In October we went to Denny's as a group for dinner. Arrangements were made by the members for transportation and other assistance for the disabled members. Winners of the Town Day Raffle were drawn at this meeting. Stu Wiley entertained us with comedy and magic, which was enjoyed by all who attended.

Jan Dawson, our liaison to the Board of Selectmen, and good friend, has retired to Florida. John Moran presented her with a remembrance of Stoneham at the Christmas Party from all her handicapped friends. Jan did much to promote services for the handicapped and will be greatly missed by all her friends.

The Christmas Party was a great success. Santa Claus attended as well as several Selectmen and the Town Clerk. Marcia Muir and John Cargill played guitars and led the group in a delightful musical program. Gifts were exchanged and goodies were served. A good time was had by all.

We are still working on transportation and accessibility for all handicapped in the community.

We wish to thank Bill Surette and the Stoneham Police Explorers for all their help to us during 1985. They were great at the Concert. Thanks again.

# PUBLIC LIBRARIAN

This is the 126th report of the Stoneham Public Library covering the calendar year 1985.

**BUILDING PROGRAM**

1985 was a period when the Library Building Committee tied up loose ends to finish off the five year development program. Drapes were commissioned for the Director's office and Junior Library. The exterior drainage and heating problems in the south wing continued to be diligently monitored by the Library Building Committee. For the record those who served on the Library Building Committee were as follows: William A. Previdi, Chairman, Rita N. Ahrens, John L. Bracciotti, Treasurer, Robert M. Grant, Board of Library Trustees, and Patricia F. Wakeley who was succeeded by Susan C. Mansur. The project couldn't have been carried out without the assistance of hundreds of Stoneham people and municipal officials. My vote for the unsung hero award of the project goes to Library staff member, Margaret A. O'Keefe who for nearly five years served as bookkeeper for the Library Building Committee, and oversaw precise record-keeping for nearly two million dollars in expenditures authorized by the Committee.

**NOBLE PROJECT**

In late 1984, the Stoneham Public Library was beneficiary of an anonymous corporate gift of $40,000.00 to be used exclusively for automating the Library's circulation system by joining the North of Boston Library Exchange (NOBLE). This extraordinary windfall not only enables Stoneham's library to eliminate its thirty year old paper processing circulation and inventory system by replacing it with an on-line system, it also provides our citizens with access to book collections in eleven other public, college and business libraries between here and Gloucester. During the first months of 1985, the entire library staff and a cadre of dedicated volunteers barcoded the adult services collection. The computer hardware necessary to implement the project was purchased jointly with the Melrose Public Library from CLSI of Newton, MA. Four terminals were subsequently installed in the Reference, Circulation and Technical Services areas of the adult services division.

Data entry of the Library's holdings began in mid 1985 by staff members and will continue throughout 1986 so that the entire system will be functional sometime in 1987. Be advised that librarians here are making limited use of the database by doing subject searches and referrals to our patrons to those libraries whose titles are identified in the main computer. As I indicated in last year's report, and I reiterate here, it will come as no surprise to me that before the decade is out, our traditional card catalogs will be replaced by an on-line system for individual patron access to the consortium's holdings. This library's Board of Trustees is currently looking into the feasibility of such a system.

**SUNDAY OPENINGS**

The Stoneham Public Library expended its opening hours in 1985 when the Board of Trustees authorized Sunday openings in the adult services division from 2 to 5 p.m. Complete service is offered in this division including a reference librarian at all times. I am pleased with public response to date and am confident that attendance will increase as word gets out of these additional hours. Sunday openings will be offered between Labor Day and June 15th of each year as with Saturday openings.

**PERSONNEL**

It was with regret that I accepted the resignation of Children's Librarian Charlene Broock who accepted a position with the Brookline Public Library and Catalog Librarian, Jo Wang who accepted a position at the Holmes Library of Phillips Academy in Andover. The Library welcomed as Children's Librarian, Mary Todd, in April. Ms. Todd received her graduate degree from the library school and the University of Missouri, and most recently served as head of children's services at the Joplin, MO Public Library. It was with pleasure that I appointed as Sunday supervisors Marilyn Dietrich, a graduate of the Syracuse University Library School and former Children's Librarian, Cornelia Rawson, a graduate of the library school at Simmons College.

**LIBRARY PROGRAMMING/GIFTS**

The staff of the Junior Library continues to deliver a full schedule of story hours and other enticing programs for the children of Stoneham. The fifth annual Library Family of the Year Award was presented to the Dunn Family of Park Street with special recognition to Elena Lanza. Theater trips sponsored in conjunction with the Friends of the Library continue to be popular. More than 125 people from Stoneham attended a library-sponsored visit to the

now world famous Renoir exhibit at Boston's Museum of Fine Arts. The Library, through the efforts of Assistant Director Janice Burke, was the recipient of two Arts Lottery Grants that permitted us to put on an evening of chamber music in honor of Bach's 300th birthday in March. In December a lottery financed program of seasonal music by members of the New England Conservatory chorus was held in Marcy Hall and a wine and cheese reception followed.

The Library has been recipient of various book and cash contributions throughout the year. A special thanks is extended to those groups and individuals for their generosity. Particular recognition goes out to the Stoneham Rotary Club which made a donation of $800 for the purchase of an electric page turner for handicapped readers.

In addition to adult and juvenile books, the Library collection includes records, magazines, films, microforms, museum passes, cassettes, filmstrips, slides and framed pictures. Overall circulation of all items was up by 12,623 over 1984 to a total of more than 161,000.

# VETERANS SERVICES

Chapter 115 of the Massachusetts General Laws mandates the Town to provide financial and medical assistance to all eligible Stoneham Veterans and their dependents. The Town receives 75% reimbursement from the State.

For the fourth year in a row, money has been returned to the general fund. The need for Veterans benefits has decreased, primarily due to the lower unemployment rate in the state, but as history has shown us, this can change rapidly and we have to be prepared to help veterans in need.

Again in 1985, requests for assistance and information on federal veterans benefits has increased. Through our office, veterans have been applying for increases in their service-connected disabilities and for non-service pensions. Widows have been applying for pensions, based on need. There have been many inquiries on federal and state medical assistance and the procedure necessary to apply for such assistance.

The service which is most difficult to obtain is V.A. nursing homes. People in general are living longer, but have more medical problems, unfortunately there are not enough nursing home beds available.

Applications for V.A. death benefits and grave markers are provided, as well as information and assistance on G.I. insurance, annual income questionnaires, etc. Home visits are provided to all unable to come to the office.

Total amount of federal benefits credited to this office for the year 1985 was $206,804. Stoneham has a veteran population of 2,617 and they received $1,894,338 in benefits.

The Veterans Office also has the responsibility of Labor Service duties (Chapter 31). A great asset to the office is clerk, Mary Wiley, who assists both in Veterans and Labor Service. Mrs. Wiley is also a Notary Public, and provides this service to all the townspeople.

In order to keep abreast of the services available to Stoneham veterans, this office is represented at Labor Service meetings, local Community Service Network meetings, and Veterans' Agents' Association meetings at the county and state levels.

The care of Veteran's graves was handled by Gerald Sullivan.

# UNICORN RECREATIONAL AREA COMMITTEE

The fiscal year 1985 was even better than 1984. Our revenue exceeded operating expenses by more than $150,000. and, for the fourth consecutive time, this figure was larger than the bonded indebtedness for the same period of time.

Again, we must give credit for this accomplishment to Steve Hoisington, Unicorn Recreational Area Manager, and his fine staff. They have maintained the Unicorn property in excellent fashion. Both the Arena and the Golf Course are drawing more and more people. This area is a credit to the Community, and the residents of Stoneham can be very proud of these facilities.

The nine-member Unicorn Committee continues to act as the overall policy-making body with a constant eye towards the future recreational needs of the Community. Some of the improvements to the site in 1986 will be a new roof for the Arena, a practice range, and a new irrigation system at the Golf Course.

# STONEHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Stoneham Housing Authority continues to maintain 209 units of Elderly housing and 72 units of Family housing.

Application for new units in 1984 was not successful. However, work and planning continues in the hope that additional units, especially family, may be obtained in the not too distant future.

At the Annual Town Election, John M. Rolli was reelected to serve as a commissioner of the Stoneham Housing Authority for a term to expire April of 1990.

The modernization program approved by the Executive Office of Communities and Development in October of 1984 to be implemented in three phases has not been started due to lack of funding. The program which

was originally in the amount of $403,000.00 has been updated and should begin as soon as the legislature has voted the appropriation for same. In the interim, the program has been raised to $552,000.00 to reflect price increases and additional work. The program has also been changed to a one phase completion rather than the original three.

In connection with the modernization program a three member Local Design Selection Committee composed of Executive Director, Mitchell B. Corbett, local architect Frank DeMeo and local engineer John Shaughnessy, has been approved by the Executive Office of Communities and Development.

The Authority received and implemented a $10,450.00 grant from the Executive Office of Communities and Development for weatherstripping and caulking at the Parker Chase Road and Duncklee Ave., projects.

In June of 1985, James Fougere and Frederick Mosley attended a 3 day Commissioners Training Program at Tufts University.

# CONSERVATION COMMISSION

There are seven members on the Conservation Commission who are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Celeste Pinto is the Chairman and Ken Quigley is the Vice-Chairman. The remaining members are Bill Doherty, Nancy Reid, Joel Higginson, Diane Hussar and Dan Towse, Whip Hill Administrator. There were no resignations during the past year. We welcomed our new clerk, June Trainor, who was appointed by the Town Administrator.

Because of the growth in land development, our meetings were increased to nineteen with twenty Orders of Conditions written involving the Wetlands Protection Act.

There are 70 acres of land under the management of the Conservation Commission. The largest parcel of land is Whip Hill Park, Conservation and Wild Life Sanctuary, consisting of 30 acres which is open to the public 364 days a year from sunrise to sunset. Use of the Manor House at Whip Hill is by permission of the Conservation Commission only. Numerous tours of the house were given by Jim Previte, Park Manager, during the past year to various organizations such as the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

This year was an exceptionally busy year, and we would like to thank all the Town Boards for all their expertise and input.

# TREASURER / TAX COLLECTOR

Independent data processing of services is the overall objective of this office, and 1985 was a year in which a significant part of this goal has been achieved. Duties and responsibilities of staff have been redefined, and an ability to control our own functions internally has been realized, with the utilization of the NCR 9300 purchased by the Town.

Within the past year, we have instituted our in-house tax billing/collection system for our Motor Vehicle Excise bills, as well as for our Personal Property and Real Estate bills. As part of this system, we were able to generate our bills internally, through the combined efforts of the Assessors' Office, the Data Processing Office, as well as this office, thus saving the cost of outside service bureaus producing these bills. We have also been able to adapt our system to maintain our lockbox collection system, which provides efficient and accurate updating of accounts, and faster deposit of daily receipts into the general fund.

Our collection system also enables this office to actively pursue overdue accounts, which improves the cash flow of the town. As part of the follow-up procedure, we have turned over our overdue accounts to Mr. Paul Kelley, Deputy Collector of Taxes, and his assistant, Mr. Richard Riley. Through their efforts, the Town was able to collect $121,800 in delinquent Real Estate, Personal Property, and Motor Vehicle Excise bills, as well as an additional $15,800 in interest and fees over and above the committed tax amount, for the year 1985. It is their work and efforts that are sincerely appreciated.

The payroll function is obviously a key responsibility of this office, and this is achieved through the coordinated efforts of the Town Accountant's office and the Data Processing Department. Listed below is a summary of the gross and net payroll, and the various deductions for the year 1985.

**1985 PAYROLL**

| | |
|---|---|
| Gross Payroll | $13,374.0 K |
| Federal Withholding Tax | 2,102.3 |
| State Withholding Tax | 662.2 |
| Retirement | 701.4 |
| Health Insurance (Blue Cross, Bay State, Harvard & Lahey) | 327.6 |
| Group Insurance (Life) | 4.5 |
| Miscellaneous | 12.8 |
| United Way | 1.0 |
| Tax Sheltered Annuity | 198.6 |
| Colonial Life Insurance | 8.9 |
| Stoneham Municipal Credit Union | 1,636.6 |
| Union Dues | 53.3 |
| Net Payroll | $ 7,664.8 K |

The Town's Accounts Payable account is handled in a similar manner, as far as processing procedure is concerned. Our office issued 10,525 checks totaling just 24.7 million dollars for various goods and services for the Town.

Another development in the Treasurer's office has been the implementation of our Automated Electronic Cash Sheet. By using the NCR Decision Mate V personal computer, we have been able to develop a spreadsheet, which automatically records and calculates all transactions between the Town and the various banks we do business with. This also provides up-to-date cash

balances, separately by bank and, in total, enhances our investment policy, and improves the timeliness and accuracy of account reconciliations. We hope that, through this capability, we are able to expand our database to enable us to further improve our cash management procedures and reporting functions.

Automated procedures by in-house processing has, over the last year, improved our office functions and at the same time saved the Town several dollars in service bureau fees. In a conversion such as this, occasional pitfalls have occurred and have been overcome, and there have been many hours spent in implementing these systems.

To this end, this office is sincerely thankful to Data Processing Coordinator William McCall. It has been his support to this office in the maintenance of the system that has provided us to make the progress we have in 1985. Furthermore, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to my staff, for their willingness to adapt and learn new duties and procedures that has significantly impacted the effectiveness of our office. My thanks to Assistant Treasurer Ruth Cogan, Clara DiMarco, Muriel Doherty, Marilyn Mercer, Barbara Meuse, and Olympia Rizzo for their work and support in 1985.

# BOARD OF APPEAL

The Stoneham Board of Appeal heard twenty-three requests for variances at duly advertised publich hearings held once a month. Sixteen variances were granted and seven denied.

# PLANNING BOARD

Nineteen eight-five was a year of great accomplishment and activity for the Planning Board.

The most significant event was the passage of the new zoning by-law and the adoption of the zoning map reflecting the changes brought about by that by-law at the October town meeting. This was the direct result of almost two years of effort on the part of the Planning Board, representatives of the Board of Selectmen and other elected and appointed boards, the building department, town engineer's office and public participation; particularly under the auspices of the Stoneham League of Women Voters and the newly-formed Stoneham Chamber of Commerce.

The Town was also fortunate in having received a grant from the Executive Office of Communities and Development which allowed for the retention of Carol Thomas, Thomas Planning Service, to assist the ad hoc committee.

This new by-law and map replaces ones which had lost their direction, clarity and relationship to the present needs and demands of the town over the last two decades. Every effort was made to cure the defects and overcome the shortcomings of the old by-law by a lengthy public process which saw input from all principal policy-making and administrative officials who deal with zoning and related matters; all in an open and frank manner.

Major areas in the old zoning by-law which were either weak, inconsistent or, in several situations, non-existent in the old by-law have been rectified in the new codification. The new by-law has a consistent, clear and flexible organizational format, a generally accepted uniform style of definition, and consistency with the zoning enabling act. Environmental and pollution control safeguards and performance standards relative to visible and audible pollution were included for the first time. Creation of a medical zone and a recreation/open space zone along with appropriate revision of the names, uses and boundaries of town's non-residential zones, which will serve to promote a more positive approach to commercial activity, was a significant part of the process.



*Jeffrey T. Cirace, August S. Niewenhous III, Chairman, Steven L. Cicatelli*

The Planning Board's capsulized recommendation on the warrant article in the special town meeting booklet from last October perhaps best summarizes the process; "The Planning Board in conjunction with the ad hoc committee, has endeavored to systematically and rationally come to grips with various bad usages and poor existent zoning by-laws in the town. It is the belief of this Board that this task has been accomplished in a way that does not radically affect the exercise of existing uses in the various districts while eliminating the various loopholes and bad practices which have come into being over the years."

Aside from the all encompassing nature of the zoning recodification, which called for the Planning Board meeting on an almost weekly basis until October when we were able to resume our standard schedule of meeting on alternate weeks, the Board also concerned itself with many other duties and projects. Three new subdivisions were approved. Two existing subdivisions were renewed by the Board and thirty-six plans signed not requiring approval under the subdivision control law. The Board also amended, after due notice and hearing, the town's subdivi-

sion construction standards to include provision for installation of a binder course of pavement before the issuance of occupancy permits and the clear delineation of responsibility for utility installation supervision to the developer of a subdivision. Two private zoning articles relative to a proposed building moratorium and the creation of a third type of residential zone were indefinitely postponed at the October special town meeting after negative recommendation by the Planning Board, after public hearing, because of their inconsistency and clearly negative impact on the town, particularly in light of the new zoning by-law and map.

The Planning Board continues to find itself more involved with the supervision and review of ongoing subdivisions. This is due in the large part to the diminishing amount of land available for development in town and the relatively poor quality of this available land. The Planning Board has also begun the process of providing for the proper completion of the ways and utilities in one existing subdivision under the board's jurisdiction as provided for in the subdivision control law. The board will endeavor to continue its policy of providing direction and initial guidance to the proponent of a proposed development in the early stages, so that we may continue to only consider viable projects in the definitive stage.

The Planning Board looks confidently to the future of the zoning and subdivision process in Stoneham now that the new by-law and its accompanying zoning map are in place. This "blueprint for the future" will send a clear and positive signal about Stoneham's concern for its own growth and direction to those who wish to participate in the process.

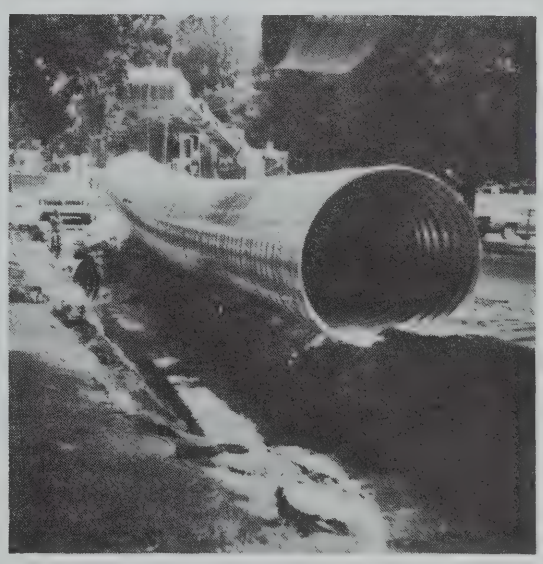
# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

This year saw the start of numerous and varied Public Works related projects which will literally change the face of Stoneham. Among the major projects are the following:

| PROJECT | VALUE |
|---|---|
| 1. Public Works Economic Development grant | $900,000.* |
| 2. Urban Systems reconstruction of North Main Street | 3,200,000. |
| 3. East Side Pumping Station rehabilitation | 900,000.* |
| 4. No. Main Street water main replacement | 216,000.* |
| 5. Bear Hill water standpipe | 3,800,000. |
| 6. Roadway reconstruction/resurfacing program | 200,000.* |
| 7. Lindenwood Cemetery bridge and wall construction | 26,000.* |
| (* indicates Town project) TOTAL | $ 9,242,000. |

A brief description of each of the projects follows.

1. The Public Works Economic Development (PWED) grant was awarded to the Town by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the original amount of $776,000. to pave part of the old railroad right of way, move the Sweetwater Brook into the right of way and allow the expansion of industry which will develop additional jobs. The original amount is supplemented by the interest accrued on the principal to make the total value $900,000.
2. Urban Systems reconstruction of North Main Street is a project which has rebuilt Main Street from William Street to the Reading line and Elm Street from Main Street to Central Street and Central Street from William Street to Elm Street. There have been additional traffic lights installed on Main Street at William Street and on William Street at Central Street. The original request from the Town dates back to 1970. The Commonwealth pays 100% of the cost of construction.
3. The East Side Sewer Pumping Station overflowed into Crystal Lake, Wakefield's water supply, every time we had heavy rain storms with frost in the ground since 1969. After much application, investigation, survey and red tape, a contract was let to rehabilitate the station and increase the pumping capacity from 550 gallons per minute to 1400 gallons per minute and to change the force main size and some gravity lines located down stream of the force main. All of the piping work is completed and we are looking forward to completion of the new station next Spring. On this project the Town pays 10% of the design and construction cost and the State and Federal Government pay the other 90%.



*Central Street Drain by John Paonessa Co.*

4. The water main on North Main Street from Elm Street to North Street was replaced with a new 12 inch pipe during the course of the Urban Systems job by the contractor at the Town's expense. The improvement in the flows was significant. The total cost was $216,000., and we expect to be reimbursed $72,000. (⅓ of cost) by a State Department of Environmental Quality Engineering water grant program.

5. The Metropolitan District Commission (now Mass. Water Resources Authority) constructed a six (6) million gallon water standpipe to eventually service Woburn, Wakefield and Stoneham. The water level in the standpipe will be 30 feet higher than the old open reservoir. This will increase the static pressure in the entire Town by at least 12 pounds per square inch (psi) and should relieve some of the water pressure problems that we suffer from in the Summertime under peak demand conditions.

6. The Public Works Department started a reconstruction/resurfacing program for the first time in many years to address the deterioration on public ways. The project incorporated roadway excavation, drain construction and the installation of bituminous concrete as the three main functions to achieve a start on a better roadway system. There were 23 streets or parts thereof that received work and they are specifically identified further on in the report. The money came from a bond issue appropriated at a Town Meeting.

7. The Public Works Department, with some outside help, installed a new bridge over Sweetwater Brook in Lindenwood Cemetery. It was our intention to match, as nearly as possible, the esthetic decor established in the 1930's by the use of fieldstones. The appearance, as witnessed by the perimeter wall along Montvale Avenue and Lindenwood Road, the building and the old bridge, is pleasing to the eye. We hunted



*New Fieldstone Bridge - Lindenwood Cemetery*

high and low for matching fieldstones to place on the new bridge and were unsuccessful in our search until our paths crossed that of a developer in Middleton. Mrs. Arlene Kunz, owner of a large tract of former farm land, graciously allowed the Public Works Department to remove an entire fieldstone wall from her property. As near as records could tell, the farmer cleared the land and built the wall in the late 1700's. We are most grateful to Mrs. Kunz for her very generous donation to the Town of Stoneham.

This was an extremely busy year in Public Works, and we are very proud of the quality and quantity of work performed. The following list of work indicates the involvement of the Department as well as the additions made to the infrastructure by developers.

**HIGHWAY**

**Resurfacing by Town:**

Rafferty Road - leveler and top
Avalon Road - Windsor Road to Fieldstone - leveler and top
Wagner Road - leveler and top
Evergreen Road - leveler and top
Fells Road - leveler and top
Rowe Hill Road - leveler and top
Pine Ridge Road - leveler and top
Wildwood Lane - leveler and top
Curve Road west - leveler and top
Bow Street Court - Brookbridge Road to Fatima Road - leveler only
Brookbridge Road - Bow Street Court to Bow Street Court - leveler only
Chestnut Street - Maple to Hancock Street - leveler only
Beacon Street - Spring Street to East School leveler only
Gracewood Road - Elm Street northly 500'± leveler only
Merrow Lane - leveler only
Penny Lane - leveler only
Converse Street - Bellevue Road to Town Line leveler only
Bear Hill Road - leveler only
Kirmes Road - leveler only
Edwards Road - leveler only
Bow Street - leveler only
Cottage Street - leveler only
Bellevue Road - Park Ave. to Converse Street leveler only



*Coversion of railroad right-of-way to parking area (off Main Street)*

**Construction by Town:**

William Street at railroad - 100′± - binder and top
Lindenwood Cemetery access roadway - binder and top

**Resurfacing by Contractor:**

Bow Street Court - Fatima to Brookbridge
Brookbridge Road - Bow St. Ct. easterly 400′±
Fatima Road - Bow St. Ct. southerly 380′±
Longbow Road - Rita Road to Fairlane Road
Fairlane Road - Longbow to Carlida Roads
Carlida Road
Green Street - Carlida to Crescent Ave.
Crescent Avenue
MacArthur Road - Morgan Avenue to Greenview Road
Greenview Road - MacArthur Road to Lawndale Road
Lawndale Road - Greenview Road to Marshall Road
Atwood Avenue - West Hancock Street to Gigante Drive
Hillside Road - Atwood Avenue westerly 150′±

**Construction by Contractor:**

Valley Road Extension - binder only
Dapper Darby Drive - Heather Lane to dead end - binder only
Laurie Lane - binder only
Bramante Circle - binder only
Aricia Lane - top course
Rivers Lane - top course
Tamarock Terr. Ext. - top course
Main Street - William Street to North Street - binder and top

**Traffic Line Painting:**

Traffic Markings, Inc., of Franklin, Massachusetts, the lowest qualified bidder, painted 85,000 feet of centerline and 9,000 feet of crosswalk.

Traffic signal maintenance was performed by Traffic Systems, Inc., of Worcester, Massachusetts.

**Catchbasin Cleaning:**

Lloyd Truax & Company of Foxboro, Massachusetts, the lowest qualified bidder, cleaned 1900 catchbasins and manholes this year. William E. O'Brien of North Reading contracted to provide street sweeping services.

**Sidewalk and Curbstone Replacement/Installation:**

Warren Street at Library - 270 sq. yds. new grano. walk, 380 ft. of hot top berm.

Myopia Road - hot top sidewalk resurfacing.

Summer Street at Pond Street - replaced 19 sq. yds. grano. sidewalk.

**Drain Construction by Department:**

Sweetwater Brook in Lindenwood Cemetery - line channel with granite.

Bow Street Court - 400 ft. of 8 inch perforated corrugated pipe.

Avalon Road - 32 ft. of 12 inch R.C. and 1 C.B.

Wagner Road - 50 ft. of 12 inch R.C. and 3 C.B. Remove and replace 30′ of 30″ R.C. totally plugged by a Willow tree.



*Wagner Road*

**Drain Construction by Contractor:**

Central Street and Elm Street - 160′ of 60″ × 84″ pipe arch; 682′ of 60″ R.C.; 7 D M H

Sweetwater Brook (along railroad) - riprap from Elm Street to old railroad bed; 600″ of 60″ R.C.; 190′ of 24″ R.C.; 3 DMH

Main Street (Route 28) - 1886′ of 12″ R.C.; 1852′ of 15″ R.C.; 1160′ of 18″ R.C.; 1438′ of 24″ R.C.; 486′ of 36″ R.C.; 28′ of 48″ R.C.; 96′ of 44″ × 72″ ACCM; 38MH, 67 C.B.

Valley Road Ext. - 145 ft. of 12 inch R.C. and 2 C.B.

Fatima Road - 160 ft. of 12 inch R.C. (relaid)

Bramante Circle - 310 ft. of 12 inch R.C., 3 DMH and 2 C.B.

Flint Avenue - 145 ft. of 12 inch R.C., 2 DMH and 3 C.B.

Patrick Circle (incl. Florence Circle) - 450 ft. of 12 inch R.C., 4 DMH and 2 C.B.

Fiske Avenue - 430 ft. of 12 inch R.C., 1 DMH and 3 C.B.

**Sewer Construction by Contractor:**

Rita Road at pumping station to Elm Street - 12 inch force main - 2350 ft.

MacArthur Road to Broadway via easement - 350′ of 15″ PVC and 335′ of 12″ P.V.C. and 3 SMH

Brookbridge Road - Bow St. Ct. - Fatima Rd. - relay 12″ PVC - 1170 ft. and 9 SMH

Lawndale Road - Greenview Road - MacArthur Rd. - relay 15″ PVC - 830 ft. and 5 SMH

Elm St. at Council on Aging - new 15″ PVC - 150 ft. and 2 SMH

Curve Road (west) - 480 ft. of 8″ PVC and 5 SMH

Valley Road ext. - 430 ft. of 8″ PVC and 3 SMH

Skywood Acres - easement from rear Laurie Lane to Dapper Darby Road - 440 ft. of 8″ PVC and 3 SMH

Bramante Circle - incl. easement toward Rivers Lane - 135′ of 6″ PVC and 1 SMH

Patrick Circle - 417 ft. of 8″ PVC and 5 SMH

Carol Street and Fiske Ave. - 285 ft. of 8″ P.V.C. and 3 SMH

**Water Construction by Department:**

Broadway - High Street to MacArthur Road - 974 ft. of 8″ DI, 4 - 8″ gates

George St. at Main St. - gate valve installation

MacArthur Road at Broadway - gate valve installation

Colonial Court at Main St. - gate valve installation

**Water Construction by Contractor:**

Main Street (Route 28) - 4700 ft. of 12″ DI, 15 - 12″ gates, 8 - 6″ gates, 12 - 6″ gates and 7 hydrants

Valley Road Ext. - 480 ft. of 8″ DI, 1 hyd. and 6 inch gate

Crescent Avenue - 280 ft. of 8″ DI

Skyewood Acres - Heather Lane to Dapper Darby Dr. cross connection - 295 ft. of 8″ D.I.

Patrick Circle - 650 ft. of 8″ D.I. 1 - 8″ gate, 1 hyd. and 6″ gate.

High Rock Road - 90 ft. of 8″D.I.

Fiske Avenue - 340 ft. of 8″ D.I., 1 8″ gate

M.W.R.A. - Bear Hill standpipe



*Drain surcharging - inspected by Town Administrator Bill Sequino*

**Sewer Work by Department:**

1. Sewer service plugs cleared incl. investigations to determine if a problem is inside or outside of house foundation = 87
2. Sewer service excavation and repair = 8
3. Main Sewer plugs cleared = 28
4. Misc. sewer related calls = 6

**Water Work by Department:**

1. Water service relays = 10
2. Frozen services thawed = 2
3. Meter leak repairs = 31
4. Leak investigations = 14
5. Water service repairs (incl. serv. gate leaks) = 28
6. Main water breaks = 14
7. Misc. water related calls = 5
8. Hydrants repaired = 13
9. Hydrants replaced = 6

**Service Installations by Contractor:**

**New water services: 31**
**New sewer services: 37**

**Snow and Ice Data:**

1984 - 85 total snowfall: 37½ inches

Deepest snowfall: 6½ inches on February 5 and 6, 1985.

Number of storms over 3 inches: 5

**Bidding Information:**

Number of materials bid - incl. salt bid and window bid: 16. #Proposals considered - 61.

Number of services bid: 6. #Proposals considered - 17.

Equipment bids: (incl. sewer mach.) 7. #Proposals considered - 18.

**Equipment Purchased:**

1. High pressure sewer cleaner
2. Tractor Mower
3. Portable air compressor

**Also purchased**

1. Leaf vacuum
2. Utility trailer
3. D.P.W. roof

**Parks:**

Recreation Park - partial renovation
East School field - partial renovation

**Tree Department:**

Trees removed: 45
Stumps ground: 99
Number of trees planted: 47

**Cemetery Department:**

Number of lots sold: 53 (through 12/26/85)
Number of interments: 83 (through 12/28/85)

**ENGINEERING**

Working under the direction of the Town Engineer, and with the guidance of the Town Administrator and

myself, the Engineering Division pursues a myriad of diverse functions. This division oversees the planning, design, construction and renovation of the many miles of water, sewer and storm drainage piping within the Town's distribution and collection systems as well as the roadway network and the various buildings and property under the control of the Department of Public Works. In addition, the Engineering Division acts as a consultant to virtually every town department and committee.

The Engineering Division shares responsibility with the Administrative Division for the maintenance and updating of the multitude of plans and records kept by the Department. Scaled drawings indicating the age, type and location of virtually every sewer main and water main, as well as the related pumping stations and appurtenances, are catalogued and maintained up-to-date so that all necessary information will be readily available in an emergency situation.

During the year 1985, the division solicited bids and evaluated proposals for some twenty-nine different contracts. In total, about 100 bid proposals for various materials, services and equipment were received, considered, and recommendations for award or rejection rendered.

The Selectman forwarded fourteen site plans for our review and evaluation during 1985. Included among these were plans for the construction of a new supermarket and professional offices on Main Street and additions to several industrial and retail facilities.

Similarly, every subdivision plan submitted to the Planning Board is thoroughly reviewed in terms of roadway and utility design and conformity to regulations as well as the overall impact of the development on local neighborhoods. Furthermore, once a subdivision plan is approved, it becomes incumbent upon the Engineering Division to calculate the amount of monetary surety which must be required in order to insure adequate performance by the developer. Also it is this division which is responsible for the daily inspection of all on-going roadway and utility work being performed in the various subdivisions and construction sites.

As we have noted in earlier years, Stoneham's proximity to Routes 128 and 93 has continued to attract developers. During 1985, 10 subdivisions containing over 180 house lots were under construction, as well as 3 condominium buildings containing about 70 housing units, and a large office facility at Main Street and Montvale Ave.

Acting in their capacity as consultants, the Engineers are continously called upon to assist in the development and review of the plans for the many specialized projects undertaken by the Town. It was gratifying to see some of this work finally reach fruition with the near completion of phase one of the reconstruction of Main Street under the Urban Systems program.

Design of the second phase of this project, extending southerly from William Street through Stoneham Square to Marble Street, has been completed and advertised for bidding. It is anticipated that bids will be opened early in 1986, and that construction will begin on phase 2 as phase 1 is being completed.

Plans and specifications are being prepared by a consultant. (T.A.M.S.) in conjunction with this division for the reconstruction of Montvale Avenue as an Urban Systems project. This project will be coordinated with an M.W.R.A. water pipe transmission line project in Montvale Avenue.

Bids were received in July on the long awaited P.W.E.D. project; the piping of portions of Sweetwater Brook and the construction of industrial access roads. All bids exceeded the available funding. The scope of the project was modified slightly; negotiations with the low bidder took place, and the contract was awarded in November. Construction began immediately and is scheduled for completion in 1986.



Easement plans and construction documents are being prepared by this Division for a drainage construction project; Contract No. 86-D-1. The project will consist of drainage improvement in three (3) sections of Town; Marshall Road, North Street, and the proposed new soccer field at the High School.

The Division is presently working on a pavement evaluation survey, infrastructure studies and parks and playground improvement plans. The implementation of these plans and studies will result in increased efficiency of the D.P.W. and systems improvements for the town.

**ADMINISTRATION**

In addition to all of the aforementioned work we were also visited by Hurricane Gloria during the end of September. The major damage caused by the hurricane was to trees. We lost approximately 200 public shade trees and many homeowners lost numerous trees on their own property. The job of cleaning up and disposing of the debris took 2½ weeks and hampered some of the planned construction work.

Joe MacKay, Town Engineer, resigned his position in

March to work in private industry. He had been with the Public Works Department for 24 years having started as an engineering student.

John Mossali and Vinnie Vadala retired during the year taking with them their 45 years of combined experience. Their personality, character and ability will be sorely missed. We wish all three the best in their future endeavors.

My special thanks goes to the personnel of the Department for their loyalty and faithfulness to duty always.

My appreciation is also extended to the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and my fellow department heads for their continued cooperation and support throughout the year.

# BUILDING AND WIRE DEPARTMENT

The past year has been one of the most active years for this department for both commercial and residential construction. A total of 1,375 permits were issued for fees totaling $84,708.90 representing estimated cost of work being performed in excess of twenty-eight million dollars (as shown on the "estimated cost" on application).

| TYPE OF PERMIT | NO. OF PERMITS | FEE |
|---|---|---|
| **DEPARTMENT** | | |
| **Building** - Clement A. Duonolo *Inspector of Buildings* | | |
| Building | 392 | $51,604.40 |
| Certifications | 72 (20, no fee*) | 4,130.00 |
| Demolition | 10 | 500.00 |
| Plan Reviews | 56 (1, no fee*) | 4,045.00 |
| Occupancy | 50 (40, new const.) | 200.00 |
| Site Plan Determinations | 34 | 1,275.00 |
| TOTAL BUILDING | | $61,754.40 |
| **Board of Appeals** | | 944.00 |
| **Gas & Plumbing** - John Kelley *Inspector* | | |
| Gas | 145 | $ 1,980.00 |
| Plumbing | 211 | 6,870.00 |
| **Wiring** - Joseph Marrone *Inspector* | | |
| Wire | 412 | 13,160.50 |
| GRAND TOTAL | | $84,708.90 |

*No fee for certification of public buildings

In November the department lost the services of Mrs. Janet Dawson who retired. She will be missed by everyone and we wish her good luck and good health.

I would like to express my appreciation to my co-workers and departments for their kind and courteous cooperation during the past year.

# Sealer of Weights & Measures

The following is an outline of activities of the Department of Weights & Measures in the Town of Stoneham, Mass. for the year of 1985.

| | |
|---|---|
| Salary: | $3925.00 |
| Department expenses: | 745.00 |
| Sealing fees turned in to Town Treasurer: | 852.00 |
| Cost of Department to Town: | 3818.00 |
| Insurance carried on equipment as required by G.L. 98 S [6] | $12,000.00 |

Number of Scales, weights, gasoline pumps, oil truck meters, prescription balances, fabric measuring devices and other weighing or measuring devices tested.

| | |
|---|---|
| Sealed | 372 |
| Adjusted or corrected | 82 |
| Condemned | 4 |
| Reweighing of commodities: vegetables, breads, grocery items: | |
| Number tested | 386 |
| Number found incorrect | 45 |
| Retest of fuel oil delivery trucks | 10 |
| Violations of unit pricing and improper price posting of gasoline pumps | 6 |
| Improper tare weights found | 11 |
| Retest of gasoline pumps after testing | 9 |

# DOG OFFICER

| | |
|---|---|
| CALLS RECEIVED | 1,216 |
| Dogs picked up/taken to pound | 125 |
| Dogs claimed | 75 |
| Dogs adopted | 32 |
| Dogs Euthanasia | 18 |
| Lost dog calls | 509 |
| Lost cat calls | 27 |
| Lost other animals | 60 |
| Calls from out of town | 64 |
| Complaints, barking, in yard, street | 541 |
| Dog bites | 15 |
| Court appearances | 9 |
| Vehicle out of commission | 6 |

# BOARD OF RETIREMENT

For the Stoneham Retirement Board, 1985 has been the most active year for investments. This is due to the recent

changes in M.G.L.C. 32 which have resulted in the Board employing the investment managment firm of David L. Babson & Company to handle our daily investment activities. This includes the purchasing and selling of securities, and the investment of interest and dividend proceeds on investments. By hiring the David L. Babson & Company, the Board was granted a waiver from the investment restriction, the so called "legal list", by the Commissioner of the Division of Public Employee Retirement Administration, and made investments under the prudent man rule. Our investment goals are still financially responsible but geared towards a broader investment in the equity market and a restructuring of our portfolio.

The Retirement Board's major concern continues to be the unfunded pension liability. In addressing this problem and as a result of the new provisions, the Stoneham Retirement System appropriated all its excess earnings for 1984 and 1985 into the Pension Reserve Fund. The Board believes that this type of funding will substantially reduce our unfunded liability in the future. We are also going to undertake an independent actuarial study to determine our current unfunded liability.

Also this year, a financial audit of the Board's records was done by the Division of Public Employee Retirement Administration for the period from January 1, 1982 to December 31, 1984. It was P.E.R.A.'s opinion that as a result of the examination, the records and books of the Stoneham Contributory Retirement System are in good condition and in conformity with the accounting practices prescribed by the division.

— ASSETS —

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Book Value of Bonds | $6,313,316.30 | |
| Market Value of Stocks | 1,420,871.63 | |
| Cash | 281.46 | |
| David L. Babson Money Market Fund | 827,755.92 | |
| Interest due and accrued on Bonds 12/31/85 | 133,390.80 | |
| Principal Adjustment Account | 82,920.03 | $8,778,536.14 |

— LIABILITIES —

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Annuity Savings Fund | 4,118,783.41 | |
| Annuity Reserve Fund | 1,228,721.63 | |
| Pension Fund | 2,699,196.58 | |
| Pension Reserve Fund | 712,895.06 | |
| Special Military Service Fund | 3,911.08 | |
| Expense Fund | 15,028.38 | $8,778,536.14 |

# TOWN COUNSEL

This past year saw the adoption of a new Zoning By-Law for the Town. As with the acceptance of any new law, I anticipate a period in which there will be a number of requests for interpretation of its many facets, and just when I thought I had mastered the old one. The necessity for interpretation and removing the "bugs" from new law is well illustrated in the Town Administrator Act. Although this Act has been in effect for quite some time, there are still questions arising as to the interpretation of certain provisions thereunder. It is in this regard that I welcome aboard the Special Act Committee, and look forward to their recommendations. Of course, one must realize that the only input that a Town Counsel may apply to something of this nature is the requirement that it be clear as to form and meaning, not as to policy.

Since July 1, 1983 the Town has been fortunate in having quite a comprehensive insurance coverage which even includes "pothole" claims. With the ever increasing number of claims being made in all areas, it wouldn't surprise me if the insurance carrier took a second look and said "thanks, but no thanks". Not withstanding insurance coverage, all of the pleadings concerning discovery, a very essential part of the defense, must be accomplished by the Town Departments. Their response to this task has been excellent.

The cases presently pending are as follows:

William H. Round v. Town of Stoneham, Middlesex Superior Court Docket #80-4754 (pending and no idea when it will be called for trial)

Charles S. Corrao, Jr. v. Joseph Silviera and Robert Pettingill, United States District Court Civil Action No. 82-3566G (the Town is indirectly involved in this case)

Gail A. Palmer v. Town of Stoneham et al, Land Court Docket #108600

David Mauriello v. Board of Appeals of Town of Stoneham, Middlesex Superior Court Civil No. 83-1948

Joseph Frate and American Legion Post 115 v. Town of Stoneham, Middlesex Superior Court Civil No. 84-107.

Esther McGurn, Administatrix, et al v. Town of Stoneham, Middlesex Superior Court Docket #84-5496

Edward J. McGowen v. Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, et al

Mary M. Edward v. Boston Gas Co. and Town of Stoneham, Middlesex Superior Court Docket #85-723

Peter H. Taylor v. Town of Stoneham, Middlesex Superior Court Docket #85-4878

George White Jr. v. Town of Stoneham, Fourth District Court, Docket #343-86

James LaMattina et al v. Stoneham Board of Appeals, Fourth District Court, Docket #1611-1981

Warren Gerry et al v. Stoneham Board of Appeals, Fourth District Court, Docket #1354 of 1981

Helen B. Murphy, Administratix v. Contributory Retirement Appeals Board, et al, Suffolk Superior Court Civil No. 44773

The cases disposed of during 1985 are as follows:

Melanie D. Smith p.p.a. et al v. Town of Stoneham, Middlesex Superior Court Civil No. 83-2903

Peter Vacca Realty Inc. v. Town of Stoneham, Middlesex Superior Court Civil No. 83-5766

Floyd M. Frost et al v. Town of Stoneham, Middlesex Superior Court Civil No. 83-5768

Eva M. Mailett v. Town of Stoneham, Middlesex Superior Court Civil No. 83-5767

Darren Weisse p.p.a. v. Town of Stoneham, Middlesex Superior Court Civil No. 84-2990

Raymond L. Sorensen as he is Chief of the Fire Department for the Town of Stoneham v. Fellsview Springs, Inc., Middlesex Superior Court Civil No. 85-1005

Vast Realty v. Town of Stoneham, Middlesex Superior Court Docket #85-5853

Plymouth Rock Transportation v. Town of Stoneham, Middlesex Superior Court Docket #85-1792

The cooperation of all persons in assisting this office in the carrying out of its duties for the past year is deeply appreciated.

# TOWN ACCOUNTANT

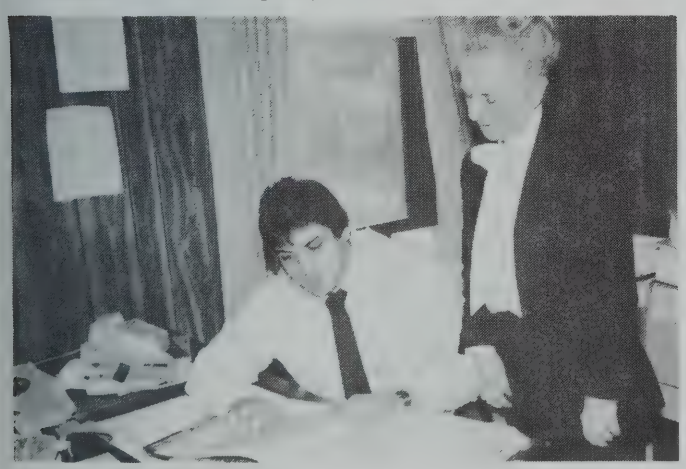
Fiscal Year 1985 witnessed substantial changes within our department, one of which was the employment of an Assistant Town Accountant. The successful candidate, from a field of thirty-seven, was Ronald Florino, #8 Nixon Lane in Stoneham. Ron is a recent graduate from Bentley College and brings with him a high degree of technical expertise which will pay rich dividends in the near future. Additionally, he is a fine, upstanding young man.

Fiscal Year 1985 ushered in the change in our accounting system from the Massachusetts Statutory System to the newly-developed State Uniform Municipal Accounting System, better known as UMAS. This new system will provide more detailed and current information for department managers, elected officials, and internal use. The new system is more compatible with accounting systems in other municipalities across the nation and is in accordance with more generally accepted accounting principles as established by recognized authorities within the accounting field.

Fiscal Year 1985 was the initial year in which the new town-owned computer was utilized for our Interactive Financial Management System (IFMS) software package.

Encumbrances, invoices and payroll expenses were entered through our computer terminals and the budgetary process was automatically updated. Payroll and check registers were also generated. Detailed payroll and expenditure data were instantly retrievable. In essence, our financial operations were thrust into the twenty-first century.

A new payroll package was implemented in January, 1985 with the input of current data by the accounting clerical staff. The payroll system is handled on a weekly basis, and current employee information is readily available at one's fingertips.



*Assistant Town Accountant Ron Florino reviews journal entries in the Town's General Ledger with Accounting Specialist Lee Whitehouse.*

What will 1986 bring? Having an Assistant Town Accountant equals the staffing level of 1965. It will afford us



*Accounting Specialist Grace Visconti does an inquiry on the computer payroll system while Town Accountant Steve Szabo request a budgetary report on the NCR #6430 printer.*

the time to undertake some of the programs and functions in a more positive and complete manner, which were previously deferred because of insufficient staffing. Foremost, it will allow more in-depth and timely internal audits. This includes reconciliation of various accounts and procedures within town departments. It will also allow for the monitoring of revenues and expenditures during the fiscal year and the capability of recommending and advising corrective action and solutions.

Additionally, we plan to expand the purchase order system. Since the financial package allows for the encumbrance of funds through purchase orders, encumbrances on the system will furnish more comprehensive financial data and provide our vendors with a list of confirming orders.

Betterments charges to home owners for water, sewer, street or sidewalk improvements will now be calculated and entered onto the individual's real estate tax bill through a completely computerized program.

Finally, in 1986, we will be striving to provide a comprehensive annual financial report, under separate cover, to the financial community, town officials, taxpayers, and other interested parties.

With this report, we will be able to provide a complete and easy to read financial package which will fairly present the financial position of the town at a particular point in time. Included herein are several financial statements as of June 30, 1985, such as a balance sheet, debt statement and a listing of appropriations, expenditures and balances, for your perusal.

Such dramatic changes within the Accounting Department do not come easily or without a great deal of dedication, experience and, mostly, a willingness to achieve. This would not have been possible without the complete cooperation of dedicated municipal employees. I wish to publicly thank Accounting Specialists Mrs. Leate Whitehouse and Mrs. Grace Visconti, as well as Assistant Town Accountant Ronald Florino. A special thanks to Personnel Technician, Mrs. Betty Luciano and, to all my fellow employees who have extended a reaching hand of cooperation making it a pleasurable association.

TOWN OF STONEHAM

BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 1985

A S S E T S

| ACCT. # | ACCOUNT | GENERAL | FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING | SPECIAL REVENUE WATER | SPECIAL REVENUE | CAPITAL | SPECIAL ASSESSMENT | TRUST AND AGENCY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1040 | Cash - Restricted Checking | $2,102,708 | $101,389 | $230,348 | $1,043,328 | $264,336 | | $674,631 |
| 1050 | Unrestricted Savings | | | | 119,069 | | | |
| 1070/80 | Stocks and Bonds | | | | | | | 104,972 |
| 1215 | Personal Property Tax - 1985 | 122,446 | | | | | | |
| 1214 | 1984 | 10,026 | | | | | | |
| 1219 | Prior Years | 32,738 | | | | | | |
| 1225 | Real Estate Tax, 1985 | 585,350 | | | | | | |
| 1224 | 1984 | 48,082 | | | | | | |
| 1229 | Prior Years | 48,248 | | | | | | |
| 1230 | Allowance for Abate/Exemption | (389,812) | | | | | | |
| 1240 | Tax Liens | 64,530 | | | | | | |
| 1250 | Deferred Real Estate | 73,636 | | | | | | |
| 1265 | Motor Vehicle Excise, 1985 | 199,207 | | | | | | |
| 1264 | 1984 | (43,294) | | | | | | |
| 1269 | Prior Years | 256,702 | | | | | | |
| 1310 | Users Charges - Sewer | 70,623 | | | | | | |
| | Water | | | 68,717 | | | | |
| 1330 | User Liens - Sewer | 8,315 | | | | | | |
| | Water | | | 16,481 | | | | |
| 1340 | Departmental Receivables | 1,986 | | | | | | |
| 1410 | Unapportioned Special Assessments | | | 5,553 | | | (427) | |
| 1420 | Apportioned Assessments Added to Tax | | | 153 | | | 448 | |
| 1430 | Committed Interest | | | | | | 216 | |
| 1440 | Apportioned Assessments Not Yet Due | | | 850 | | | 88,644 | |
| 1450 | Assessments - Paid in Advance | | | (86) | | | (7,388) | |
| 1460 | Suspended Assessments | | | 2,049 | | | 29,987 | |
| 1610 | Due From Special Revenue | 206,852 | | | | | | |
| 1710 | Due From Federal Government | | | | 76,559 | | | |
| 1720 | Due From State Government | 5,265 | | | 23,447 | | | |
| 1880 | Tax Foreclosures | 2,424 | | | | | | |
| | Total Assets | $3,406,032 | $101,389 | $324.065 | $1,262,403 | $264.336 | $111,480 | $779,603 |

TOWN OF STONEHAM

BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 1985

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

| ACCT. # | ACCOUNT | GENERAL | FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING | SPECIAL REVENUE WATER | SPECIAL REVENUE | CAPITAL | SPECIAL ASSESSMENT | TRUST AND AGENCY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2010 | Withholdings Payable | $ 22,380 | | | | | | |
| 2301 | Due to the General Fund | | | 206,851 | | | | |
| 2384 | Due to Conservation Fund | 1,368 | | | | | | |
| 2520 | Unclaimed Items | 4,195 | | | | | | |
| 2550 | Guarantee Deposits | 943 | | 490 | 119,069 | | | |
| 2610 | Deferred Revenue - Uncollected Property Tax | 457,078 | | | | | | |
| | Uncoll. Def. Real Estate | 73,636 | | | | | | |
| | Uncoll. Tax Liens | 64,530 | | | | | | |
| | Uncoll. Motor Vehicle | 412,615 | | | | | | |
| | Uncoll. User Charge | 70,623 | | 68,717 | | | | |
| | Uncoll. Utility Liens | 8,315 | | 16,481 | | | | |
| | Uncoll. Department | 1,986 | | | | | | |
| | Uncoll. Spec. Assess. | | | 8,519 | | | 111,480 | |
| | Uncoll. Govt. Receivable | 5,265 | | | 100,006 | | | |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | $1,122,934 | | $301,058 | $ 219,075 | | $111,480 | |
| Fund Balance - | Reserved for Encumbrance | 442,762 | | 74,964 | | | | |
| | Undesignated | 2,052,596* | | (51,957) | | | | |
| | Designated for Over/Under | (2,964) | | | | | | |
| | Designated for Abate/Exempt | (209,296) | | | | | | |
| | Designated for Federal Grants | | 101,389 | | 33,244 | | | |
| | Designated for Revolving | | | | 104,387 | | | |
| | Designated for State Grants | | | | 766,945 | | | |
| | Reserved for Approp. | | | | 89,172 | | | |
| | Reserved for Spec. Purpose | | | | 49,580 | 264,336 | | 779,603 |
| TOTAL FUND BALANCE | | $2,283,098 | $101,389 | $ 23,007 | $1,043,328 | $264,336 | | $779,603 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES | | $3,406,032 | $101,389 | $324,065 | $1,262,403 | $264,336 | $111,480 | $779,603 |

*A sum of $1,087,318 has been used to reduce the Fiscal Year 1986 tax rate; the use of these available funds per Department of Revenue certification as of July 1, 1984.

## APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND BALANCES

| GENERAL GOVERNMENT | Appropriation | | Other Credits | Total Appropriation | Expended | To Surplus Revenue | To 1986 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Selectmen, Personnel | 39,732.00 | | | 39,732.00 | 39,732.00 | | |
| Selectmen, Operating Expenses | 36,985.00 | R | 1,800.00 | 38,785.00 | 35,624.88 | 1,396.12 | 1,764.00 |
| Selectmen, Capital Outlay | 1,350.00 | | | 1,350.00 | 1,350.00 | | |
| Selectmen, Operating Expenses, 1984 | | EN | 500.00 | 500.00 | 395.10 | 104.90 | |
| Selectmen, Main St. Sprinkler System | 15,000.00 | | | 15,000.00 | | | 15,000.00 |
| Selectmen, Urban Systems Program | | CO | 2,156.80 | 2,156.80 | 2,156.80 | | |
| Selectmen, Energy Audit | | CO | 2,385.00 | 2,385.00 | | 2,385.00 | |
| Selectmen, Individual Donation | | B | 1,486.03 | 1,486.03 | 150.00 | | 1,336.03 |
| Selectmen, State Census | 8,000.00 | | | 8,000.00 | 7,076.45 | 923.55 | |
| Town Admin., Personnel | 63,043.00 | | | 63,043.00 | 63,043.00 | | |
| Town Admin., Operating Expenses | 41,940.00 | | | 41,940.00 | 30,436.17 | 4,632.32 | 6,871.51 |
| Town Admin., Capital Outlay | 3,700.00 | | | 3,700.00 | 2,928.88 | 296.36 | 474.76 |
| Town Admin., Operating Expenses, 1984 | | EN | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 928.00 | 572.00 | |
| Town Admin., Energy Conservation, 1982 | | CO | 7,455.30 | 7,455.30 | | 7,455.30 | |
| Town Admin., Energy Cons. - Police Station | | CO | 728.36 | 728.36 | | 728.36 | |
| Town Admin., EDP Consultant | | CO | 3,293.81 | 3,293.81 | | 3,293.81 | |
| Town Admin., Financial Audit, 1983 | | CO | 15,000.00 | 15,000.00 | 15,000.00 | | |
| Town Admin., Parking Consultant | 13,000.00 | | | 13,000.00 | | | 13,000.00 |
| Town Admin., Off Street Parking | | B | 263.80 | 263.80 | 10.00 | | 253.80 |
| Town Admin., Master Planner | | B | 255.00 | | | | |
| | | G | 7,500.00 | 7,755.00 | 7,755.00 | | |
| Town Admin., Energy Grant, FY82 | | B | 1,690.39 | 1,690.39 | | | 1,690.39 |
| Town Admin., Food & Shelter Program | | G | 1,750.00 | 1,750.00 | 1,054.96 | | 695.04 |
| Town Admin., Right to Know Law | | G | 2,074.00 | 2,074.00 | | | 2,074.00 |
| Town Admin., Food Elderly | | D | 578.35 | 578.35 | | | 578.35 |
| Town Moderator, Personnel | 50.00 | | | 50.00 | 50.00 | | |
| Town Moderator, Operating Expenses | 50.00 | | | 50.00 | 48.00 | 2.00 | |
| Finance Board, Personnel | 6,170.00 | | | 6,170.00 | 6,131.37 | 38.63 | |
| Finance Board, Operating Expenses | 3,715.00 | | | 3,715.00 | 3,205.96 | 509.04 | |
| Accounting, Personnel | 76,173.00 | | | 76,173.00 | 76,173.00 | | |
| Accounting, Operating Expenses | 2,415.00 | R | 1,375.00 | 3,790.00 | 3,599.96 | 190.04 | |
| Accounting, Capital Outlay | 2,015.00 | | | 2,015.00 | 1,983.86 | 31.14 | |
| Accounting, Out of State Travel | 1,000.00 | | | 1,000.00 | | 1,000.00 | |
| Assessors, Personnel | 84,104.00 | | | 84,104.00 | 84,104.00 | | |
| Assessors, Operating Expenses | 14,300.00 | | | 14,300.00 | 7,988.16 | 6,311.84 | |
| Assessors, Revaluation, 1982 | | EN | 32,000.00 | 32,000.00 | | | 32,000.00 |
| Assessors, Revaluation, 1984 | | EN | 134,529.01 | 134,529.01 | 92,453.74 | | 42,075.27 |
| Treasurer/Collector, Personnel | 106,448.00 | | | 106,448.00 | 106,448.00 | | |
| Treasurer/Collector, Operating Expenses | 59,850.00 | | | 59,850.00 | 56,902.27 | 2,947.73 | |
| Treasurer/Collector, Capital Outlay | 1,850.00 | | | 1,850.00 | 1,334.37 | 515.63 | |

## APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND BALANCES

| GENERAL GOVERNMANT | Appropriation | | Other Credits | Total Appropriation | Expended | To Surplus Revenue | To 1986 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Treasurer/Collector, Out of State Travel | 1,000.00 | | | 1,000.00 | | 1,000.00 | |
| Treasurer/Collector, Oper. Expenses,1984 | | EN | 186.48 | 186.48 | | 186.48 | |
| Town Clerk, Personnel | 46,272.00 | | | 46,272.00 | 46,272.00 | | |
| Town Clerk, Operation Expenses | 3,900.00 | | | 3,900.00 | 3,781.96 | 118.04 | |
| Town Clerk, Capital Outlay | 3,800.00 | | | 3,800.00 | 2,644.63 | 1,155.37 | |
| Election & Registration, Personnel | 17,441.00 | | | 17,441.00 | 17,441.00 | | |
| Election & Registration, Oper. Expenses | 20,900.00 | | | 20,900.00 | 20,759.60 | 140.40 | |
| Election & Registration, Capital Outlay | 2,200.00 | | | 2,200.00 | 2,130.80 | 69.20 | |
| Election & Registration, Reimb. for Elect. | | D | 1,358.16 | 1,358.16 | 1,276.16 | | 82.00 |
| Election & Registration, Reimb. State Census | | D | 16,068.00 | 16,068.00 | 459.39 | | 15,608.61 |
| Town Counsel, Personnel | 38,160.00 | | | 38,160.00 | 38,160.00 | | |
| Town Counsel, Operating Expenses | 11,290.00 | A | 31,000.00 | | | | |
| | | R | 2,800.00 | 45,090.00 | 43,049.71 | 2,040.29 | |
| Town Counsel, Recording Fees Certain Sts. | | CO | 400.00 | 400.00 | | 400.00 | |
| Town Counsel, Defense of Police Officer | | EN | 4,043.75 | 4,043.75 | 3,852.95 | 190.80 | |
| Personnel Board, Personnel | 16,140.00 | | | 16,140.00 | 16,140.00 | | |
| Personnel Board, Operating Expenses | 1,930.00 | | | 1,930.00 | 1,409.99 | 520.01 | |
| Personnel Board, Capital Outlay | 350.00 | | | 350.00 | 350.00 | | |
| Data Processing, Personnel | 26,521.00 | | | 26,521.00 | 26,521.00 | | |
| Data Processing, Operating Expenses | 120,220.00 | | | 120,220.00 | 117,620.00 | 1,384.00 | 1,216.00 |
| Public Property, Personnel | 37,826.00 | | | 37,826.00 | 37,746.89 | 79.11 | |
| Public Property, Operating Expenses | 73,004.00 | | | 73,004.00 | 50,511.61 | 18,033.39 | 4,459.00 |
| Public Property, Capital Outlay | 23,550.00 | | | 23,550.00 | 14,945.32 | 314.84 | 8,289.84 |
| Public Property, Oper. Expenses, 1983 | | EN | 400.00 | 400.00 | 27.07 | 372.93 | |
| Unclassified, Ambulance Service | 14,000.00 | | | 14,000.00 | 14,000.00 | | |
| Unclassified, Management Services | 13,493.00 | | | 13,493.00 | 13,329.00 | 164.00 | |
| Unclassified, Unemployment Compensation | 23,012.00 | | | 23,012.00 | 20,547.69 | 2,464.31 | |
| Unclassified, Employees' Life & Health Ins. | 869,080.00 | | | 869,080.00 | 858,353.96 | 10,726.04 | |
| Unclassified, Property Insurance | 308,180.00 | | | 308,180.00 | 288,464.00 | 19,716.00 | |
| Unclassified, Pensions | 1,394,495.00 | PN | 22,746.87 | 1,417,241.87 | 1,411,720.26 | 5,521.61 | |
| Unclassified, Insurance Reimb.-Under 5.000. | | B | 8,822.08 | | | | |
| | | D | 14,492.13 | 23,314.21 | 5,096.60 | | 18,217.61 |
| Planning Board Deposit in Escrows | | B | 102,187.00 | | | | |
| | | D | 16,882.00 | 119,069.00 | | | 119,069.00 |
| Finance Board Reserve Fund | 60,000.00 | TR | (39,670.00) | 20,330.00 | | 20,330.00 | |
| TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT | 3,707,654.00 | | 400,037.32 | 4,107,691.32 | 3,704,675.52 | 118,260.59 | 284,755.21 |

APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND BALANCES

| PUBLIC SAFETY | Appropriation | | Other Credits | Total Appropriation | Expended | To Surplus Revenue | To 1986 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Police, Personnel | 1,163,618.00 | RS | 262,500.00 | 1,426,118.00 | 1,403,676.01 | 22,441.99 | |
| Police, Operating Expenses | 74,330.00 | | | 74,330.00 | 65,239.69 | 9,090.31 | |
| Police, Out of State Travel | 1,500.00 | | | 1,500.00 | 1,057.01 | 442.99 | |
| Police, Capital Outlay | 51,830.00 | | | 51,830.00 | 51,502.56 | 327.44 | |
| Police Cruiser (1) | 13,000.00 | | | 13,000.00 | 12,881.00 | 119.00 | |
| Police, Paid Detail | | O | 303,793.33 | 303,793.33 | 304,339.31 | | (545.98) |
| Police, Donation N. E. Memorial Hospital | | B | 5.00 | 5.00 | | | 5.00 |
| Police, K-9 Fund | | B | 145.48 | 145.48 | | | 145.48 |
| Traffic Directors, Personnel | 88,860.00 | | | 88,860.00 | 88,860.00 | | |
| Traffic Directors, Operating Expenses | 1,300.00 | | | 1,300.00 | 1,300.00 | | |
| Fire, Personnel | 1,123,683.00 | RS | 262,500.00 | 1,386,183.00 | 1,378,775.30 | 7,407.70 | |
| Fire, Operating Expenses | 54,090.00 | R | 5,500.00 | 59,590.00 | 50,791.00 | 3,487.34 | 5,311.66 |
| Fire, Capital Outlay | 35,303.00 | | | 35,303.00 | 33,225.39 | 2,077.61 | |
| Fire, Out of State Travel | | R | 35.00 | 35.00 | 35.00 | | |
| Fire, Fire Alarm 1975 | | CO | 12,313.60 | | | | |
| | | R | 6,665.00 | 18,978.60 | 9,175.30 | 1,433.30 | 8,370.00 |
| Fire, Operating Expenses, 1984 | | EN | 28.62 | 28.62 | | 28.62 | |
| Fire, Optical Emitters (6) | | CO | 8,897.00 | 8,897.00 | 7,770.00 | 1,127.00 | |
| Fire, Donation N. E. Memorial Hospital | | B | 145.48 | 145.48 | | | 145.48 |
| Fire, N. E. Memorial Hosp. Cold Water Rescue | | D | 7,900.00 | 7,900.00 | | | 7,900.00 |
| Fire Hydrant, Operating Expenses | 9,530.00 | | | 9,530.00 | 8,307.94 | 1,222.06 | |
| Inspection, Personnel | 71,012.00 | | | 71,012.00 | 71,012.00 | | |
| Inspection, Operating Expenses | 9,540.00 | | | 9,540.00 | 7,464.94 | 2,075.06 | |
| Inspection, Capital Outlay | 1,625.00 | | | 1,625.00 | 1,616.98 | 8.02 | |
| Civil Defense, Personnel | 4,872.00 | | | 4,872.00 | 4,865.04 | 6.96 | |
| Civil Defense, Operating Expenses | 1,915.00 | | | 1,915.00 | 1,823.97 | 91.03 | |
| Civil Defense, Capital Outlay | 9,750.00 | | | 9,750.00 | 9,737.63 | 12.37 | |
| Sealer of Wghts. & Measures, Personnel | 3,735.00 | | | 3,735.00 | 3,731.03 | 3.97 | |
| Sealer of Wghts. & Measures, Oper. Expenses | 745.00 | | | 745.00 | 744.06 | .94 | |
| Employees Safety Comm., Operating Expenses | 280.00 | | | 280.00 | 70.00 | 210.00 | |
| County Dog Fund, Care of Dogs | | B | ( 22.00) | | | | |
| | | D | 3,107.82 | 3,085.82 | 2,472.25 | | 613.57 |
| County Dog Fund, Reserve for Approp. | | B | 867.46 | | | | |
| | | OU | ( 867.46) | -0- | | | |
| Fire Hydrant, Operating Expenses, 1984 | | EN | 28.00 | 28.00 | 28.00 | | |
| TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY | 2,720,518.00 | | 873,542.33 | 3,594,060.33 | 3,520,501.41 | 51,613.71 | 21,945.21 |

## Appropriations, Expenditures and Balances

| SCHOOL | Appropriation | | Other Credits | Total Appropriation | Expended | To Surplus Revenue | To 1986 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| School, Personnel | 7,196,684.00 | TR | (204,066.76) | 6,992,617.24 | 6,992,617.24 | | |
| School, Operating Expenses | 1,667,055.00 | TR | 82,356.01 | 1,749,411.01 | 1,597,215.13 | | 152,195.88 |
| School, Out of State Travel | 7,500.00 | TR | ( 2,791.62) | 4,708.38 | 4,502.21 | 206.17 | |
| School, Capital Outlay | 108,106.00 | TR | 124,502.37 | 232,608.37 | 172,430.52 | | 60,177.85 |
| School, Operating Expenses, 1984 | | EN | 192,128.00 | 192,128.00 | 169,895.11 | 22,232.89 | |
| School Custodians, Paid Details | | B | 373.32 | | | | |
| | | O | 4,745.73 | 5,119.05 | 5,422.10 | | ( 303.05) |
| School, New Sr. High School | | CO | 3,941.26 | 3,941.26 | 3,941.26 | | |
| School, New Jr. High School | | CO | 962.80 | 962.80 | 962.80 | | |
| School, Reimbursement for Lost Books | | B | 125.45 | | | | |
| | | D | 1,742.62 | 1,868.07 | 695.20 | | 1,172.87 |
| School Aid, P.L.874 | | B | 6,958.35 | | | | |
| | | G | 2,319.96 | 9,278.31 | 6,118.76 | | 3,159.55 |
| School Aid, Lib. Resources & Ins. FY81 | | B | 610.43 | 610.43 | | | 610.43 |
| School Aid, Title I Reading Prog. FY82 | | B | 3,237.06 | 3,237.06 | | | 3,237.06 |
| School Aid, Title I Reading Prog. FY84 | | B | 2,601.04 | 2,601.04 | | | 2,601.04 |
| School Aid, Title I Reading Prog. FY85 | | G | 89,429.00 | 89,429.00 | 85,594.42 | | 3,834.58 |
| School Aid, Career Guidance FY82 | | B | 7,673.00 | 7,673.00 | | | 7,673.00 |
| School Aid, Title VIB Underserviced Students FY82 | | B | 2,124.00 | 2,124.00 | | | 2,124.00 |
| School Aid, Title VIB Underserviced Students FY84 | | B | 9,656.98 | 9,656.98 | 2,950.00 | | 6,706.98 |
| School Aid, Title VIB Underserviced Students FY85 | | G | 53,955.00 | 53,955.00 | 62,011.48 | | ( 8,056.48) |
| School Aid, Lib. Resources & Inst. FY83 | | B | 1,540.66 | 1,540.66 | 1,540.66 | | |
| School Aid, Lib. Resources & Inst. FY84 | | B | 5,028.65 | 5,028.65 | 5,020.25 | | 8.40 |
| School Aid, Ch. I Spec. Education FY84 | | B | .11 | .11 | | | .11 |
| School Aid, Pre School Prog. Special Need Students FY84 | | B | 750.00 | 750.00 | | | 750.00 |
| School Aid, Title VIB Occupational Ed. FY85 | | G | 12,625.00 | 12,625.00 | 12,625.00 | | |
| School Aid, Career Guidance FY85 | | G | 16,069.00 | 16,069.00 | 17,643.38 | | ( 1,574.38) |
| School, Evening & Summer School Program | | B | 5,226.36 | | | | |
| | | D | 8,139.00 | 13,365.36 | 4,909.50 | | 8,455.86 |
| Scholarships for College Students | | T | 4,500.00 | 4,500.00 | 4,250.00 | | 250.00 |
| Comm. Of Mass., Skills thru Reading Prog. | | G | 1,472.00 | 1,472.00 | 987.69 | | 484.31 |
| Northeast Regional Vocational Sch. District | 213,775.00 | | | 213,775.00 | 213,774.04 | .96 | |
| | 9,193,120.00 | | 437,934.78 | 9,631,054.78 | 9,365,106.75 | 22,440.02 | 243,508.01 |

APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND BALANCES

| PUBLIC WORKS | Appropriation | | Other Credits | Total Appropriation | Expended | To Surplus Revenue | To 1986 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Public Works Admin., Personnel | 112,345.00 | R | 7,490.00 | 119,835.00 | 119,832.02 | 2.98 | |
| Public Works Admin., Operating Expenses | 28,025.00 | | | 28,025.00 | 16,661.43 | 7,363.57 | 4,000.00 |
| Public Works Admin., Capital Outlay | 7,200.00 | | | 7,200.00 | 1,017.00 | 4,152.00 | 2,031.00 |
| Public Works Engineering, Pump. Sta. High St. | | CO | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 | | 4,000.00 | |
| Public Works, Equipment Purchase 1982 | | CO | 2,238.37 | 2,238.37 | | 2,238.37 | |
| Highway, Personnel | 306,053.00 | | | 306,053.00 | 305,758.55 | 294.45 | |
| Highway, Operating Expenses | 78,306.00 | | | 78,306.00 | 65,285.83 | 12,071.17 | 949.00 |
| Highway, Capital Outlay | 5,400.00 | | | 5,400.00 | 594.90 | 4,805.10 | |
| Highway, Operating Expenses 1984 | | EN | 110.00 | 110.00 | | 110.00 | |
| Highway Construction 1984 | 54,000.00 | | | 54,000.00 | 28,511.62 | | 25,488.38 |
| Highway, Construction of Certain Streets | 2,000.00 | | | 2,000.00 | 252.15 | 1,747.85 | |
| Highway, Highland Acres Construction | | CO | 2,937.31 | 2,937.31 | | | 2,937.31 |
| Highway, Park St. Traffic Lights | | CO | 3,590.00 | 3,590.00 | | 3,590.00 | |
| Highway, Resurfacing Streets 1983 | | CO | 10,607.17 | 10,607.17 | 7,629.52 | 2,977.65 | |
| Rogers Road Construction | | B | 362.32 | 362.32 | | | 362.32 |
| Plaza Avenue Construction | | B | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 1,617.37 | | 382.63 |
| Wilbur Street Paving | | B | 1,575.00 | 1,575.00 | 1,575.00 | | |
| Highway Grant, Comm. of Mass. | | B | 7,745.72 | 7,745.72 | | | 7,745.72 |
| Highway, MBTA Land Acquistion | | B | 804,139.60 | | | | |
| | | I | 55,238.92 | 859,378.52 | 46,816.56 | | 812,561.96 |
| Forestry & Park, Personnel | 96,460.00 | R | 1,230.00 | 97,690.00 | 97,658.64 | 31.36 | |
| Forestry & Park, Operating Expenses | 31,395.00 | | | 31,395.00 | 29,487.52 | 1,907.48 | |
| Forestry & Park, Capital Outlay | 10,900.00 | | | 10,900.00 | 7,142.51 | 2,947.49 | 810.00 |
| Forestry & Park, Operating Expenses 1984 | | EN | 30.00 | 30.00 | | 30.00 | |
| Snow & Ice Removal, Personnel | 34,000.00 | R | 6,236.00 | 40,236.00 | 40,235.97 | .03 | |
| Snow & Ice Removal, Operating Expenses | 98,175.00 | | | 98,175.00 | 67,078.64 | 31,096.36 | |
| Street Lighting, Operating Expenses | 252,705.00 | | | 252,705.00 | 251,954.71 | 350.29 | 400.00 |
| Street Lighting, Operating Expenses 1984 | | EN | 34.00 | 34.00 | | 34.00 | |
| Motor Vehicle Maintenance, Personnel | 49,760.00 | | | 49,760.00 | 27,714.55 | 22,045.45 | |
| Motor Vehicle Maintenance Oper. Expenses | 198,765.00 | | | 198,765.00 | 142,414.53 | 55,270.47 | 1,080.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Maintenance, Oper. Exp.1984 | | EN | 2,232.60 | 2,232.60 | 1,715.79 | 516.81 | |
| Rubbish Disposal, Operating Expenses | 409,105.00 | | | 409,105.00 | 406,384.90 | 2,720.10 | |
| Cemetery, Personnel | 58,995.00 | R | 3,200.00 | 62,195.00 | 61,674.72 | 520.28 | |
| Cemetery, Operating Expenses | 11,285.00 | | | 11,285.00 | 9,582.14 | 1,702.86 | |
| Cemetery, Capital Outlay | 38,300.00 | TR | ( 9,000.00) | 29,300.00 | 27,538.50 | 1,761.50 | |
| Cemetery, Operating Expenses 1984 | | EN | 36.00 | 36.00 | 36.00 | | |
| Cemetery, Embellishing Lindenwood Ceme. | | CO | 14,242.30 | 14,242.30 | 3,928.20 | | 10,314.10 |
| Water, Personnel | 178,283.00 | | | 178,283.00 | 160,432.04 | 17,850.96 | |
| Water, Operating Expenses | 56,890.00 | | | 56,890.00 | 54,265.52 | 2,624.48 | |
| Water, Capital Outlay | 13,500.00 | R | 2,874.00 | 16,374.00 | 14,898.43 | 1,475.57 | |

| PUBLIC WORKS | Appropriation | | Other Credits | Total Appropriation | Expended | To Surplus Revenue | To 1986 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Water, Out of State Travel | 800.00 | | | 800.00 | 786.00 | 14.00 | |
| Water, Operating Expenses, 1984 | | EN | 170.00 | 170.00 | 170.00 | | |
| Water Main Construction, 1984 | 74,000.00 | | | 74,000.00 | 37,780.77 | | 36,219.23 |
| Water Main Construction, 1980 | | CO | 14.83 | 14.83 | | 14.83 | |
| Water Leak Detection Program, 1984 | | CO | 39,200.54 | 39,200.54 | 456.00 | | 38,744.54 |
| Water Dept., Debt & Interest | 50,690.00 | | | 50,690.00 | 50,690.00 | | |
| Sewer Services, Personnel | 185,193.00 | | | 185,193.00 | 184,841.14 | 351.86 | |
| Sewer Services, Operating Expenses | 45,925.00 | | | 45,925.00 | 28,199.00 | 17,526.00 | 200.00 |
| Sewer Services, Operating Expenses, 1984 | | EN | 1,145.00 | 1,145.00 | 199.08 | 945.92 | |
| Drain Construction, 1980 | | CO | 19.58 | 19.58 | | 19.58 | |
| Storm Drain Construction, 1983 | | CO | 2,224.50 | 2,224.50 | | | 2,224.50 |
| Sewer Construction, Curve Road | 21,000.00 | TR | 9,000.00 | 30,000.00 | 600.00 | | 29,400.00 |
| Sewer Main Construction, 1984 | | CO | 6,500.00 | 6,500.00 | | | 6,500.00 |
| Waterwaste System Grant | | B | ( 31,733.70) | | | | |
| | | D | 387,864.00 | 356,130.30 | 439,417.01 | | ( 83,286.71) |
| Waterwaste Improvement Project - Town | | L | 325,000.00 | 325,000.00 | 75,101.57 | | 249,898.03 |
| TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS | 2,509,455.00 | | 1,662,554.06 | 4,172,009.06 | 2,817,936.23 | 205,110.82 | 1148,962.01 |
| HUMAN & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES | | | | | | | |
| Historical Society, Operating Expenses | 900.00 | | | 900.00 | 705.77 | 194.23 | |
| Conservation Comm., Personnel | 3,665.00 | | | 3,665.00 | 1,805.00 | 1,860.00 | |
| Conservation Comm., Operating Expenses | 18,230.00 | | | 18,230.00 | 16,869.24 | 1,360.76 | |
| Conservation Comm., Donations | | B | 25.00 | 25.00 | | | 25.00 |
| Conservation Comm., Whip Hill Trust | | B | 1,845.77 | 1,845.77 | 477.86 | | 1,367.91 |
| Board of Health, Personnel | 86,401.00 | | | 86,401.00 | 86,401.00 | | |
| Board of Health, Operating Expenses | 15,555.00 | | | 15,555.00 | 13,120.99 | 2,434.01 | |
| Board of Health, Donations | | B | 2,090.71 | 2,090.71 | 1,072.19 | | 1,018.52 |
| Council of Aging, Personnel | 52,816.00 | | | 52,816.00 | 52,580.18 | 235.82 | |
| Council of Aging, Operating Expenses | 18,820.00 | | | 18,820.00 | 15,792.39 | 3,027.61 | |
| Council of Aging, Capital Outlay | 8,490.00 | | | 8,490.00 | 5,414.00 | 1,546.00 | 1,530.00 |
| Council of Aging, Senior Citizen Outings | | B | 283.79 | | | | |
| | | D | 5,641.43 | 5,925.22 | 5,080.31 | | 844.91 |
| Council of Aging, General Revolving | | B | 268.70 | | | | |
| | | D | 110.30 | 379.00 | 145.95 | | 233.05 |
| Council of Aging, Equip Senior Center | | B | 5.35 | 5.35 | | | 5.35 |

| HUMAN & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES | Appropriation | | Other Credits | Total Appropriation | Expended | To Surplus Revenue | To 1986 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Council of Aging, Energy Fuel Program | | B | 1.09 | 1.09 | | | 1.09 |
| Council of Aging, DEA Grant Van Driver, FY84 | | B | 1,580.00 | 1,580.00 | 1,012.50 | | 567.50 |
| Council of Aging, DEA Grant, Trans. FY84 | | B | 1,475.93 | 1,475.93 | 1,475.93 | | |
| Council of Aging, DEA Grant, Trans. FY85 | | G | 5,783.00 | 5,783.00 | 2,146.89 | | 3,636.11 |
| Council of Aging, Outreach Worker, FY83 | | B | 689.60 | 689.60 | 132.80 | | 556.80 |
| Youth Commission, Personnel | 9,198.00 | | | 9,198.00 | 8,833.94 | 364.06 | |
| Youth Commission, Operating Expenses | 9,595.00 | | | 9,595.00 | 9,069.77 | 525.23 | |
| Youth Commission, Recreation Revolving | | D | 1,724.03 | 1,724.03 | | | 1,724.03 |
| Veterans, Personnel | 36,553.00 | | | 36,553.00 | 36,553.00 | | |
| Veterans, Operating Expenses | 47,750.00 | | | 47,750.00 | 41,268.49 | 6,481.51 | |
| Veterans, Operating Expenses, 1983 | | EN | 216.25 | 216.25 | 216.25 | | |
| Care of Veterans Graves, Personnel | 50.00 | | | 50.00 | 50.00 | | |
| Care of Veterans Graves, Oper. Expenses | 250.00 | | | 250.00 | 250.00 | | |
| Arts Lottery Council | | B | 1,539.03 | | | | |
| | | D | 8,085.00 | 9,624.03 | 5,893.15 | | 3,730.88 |
| Town Hall Organ Comm., Oper. Expenses | 600.00 | | | 600.00 | 416.51 | 183.49 | |
| Memorial Day Comm., Operating Expenses | 3,000.00 | R | 200.00 | 3,200.00 | 3,200.00 | | |
| | 311,873.00 | | 31,564.98 | 343,437.98 | 309,984.11 | 18,212.72 | 15,241.15 |
| PUBLIC LIBRARY | | | | | | | |
| Public Library, Personnel | 213,242.00 | | | 213,242.00 | 212,698.00 | 544.00 | |
| Public Library, Operating Expenses | 99,730.00 | | | 99,730.00 | 95,423.32 | 696.68 | 3,610.00 |
| Public Library, Capital Outlay | 9,290.00 | | | 9,290.00 | 8,750.38 | 15.62 | 524.00 |
| Public Library, Out of State Travel | 1,000.00 | | | 1,000.00 | 680.00 | | 320.00 |
| Public Library, Operating Expenses 1984 | | EN | 4,446.90 | 4,446.90 | 4,107.30 | 339.60 | |
| Library, Purchase Land & Razing Buildings | | CO | .02 | .02 | | .02 | |
| Library, New Addition | | CO | 65,632.08 | | | | |
| | | T | 41,323.42 | | | | |
| | | L | 30,000.00 | | | | |
| | | IN | 2,010.50 | 138,966.00 | 124,528.06 | | 14,437.94 |
| Library, M. Marsh Library Fund | | B | 41,323.42 | | | | |
| | | T | ( 41,323.42) | | | | |
| Library, Donation | | B | 50.00 | | | | |
| | | D | 300.00 | 350.00 | | | 350.00 |
| Library Donation, Computer | | D | 40,050.00 | 40,050.00 | 2,258.38 | | 37,791.62 |
| TOTAL LIBRARY | 323,262.00 | | 183,812.92 | 507,074.92 | 448,445.44 | 1,595.92 | 57,033.56 |

APPROPRIATION, EXPENDITURES AND BALANCES

| RECREATIONAL | Appropriation | Other Credits | Total Appropriation | Expended | To Surplus Revenue | To 1986 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Unicorn Golf, Personnel | 75,390.00 | | 75,390.00 | 75,219.00 | 171.00 | |
| Unicorn Golf, Operating Expenses | 75,360.00 | | 75,360.00 | 70,247.95 | 5,112.05 | |
| Unicorn Golf, Capital Outlay | 15,200.00 | | 15,200.00 | 14,732.10 | 467.90 | |
| Unicorn Rink, Personnel | 72,377.00 | | 72,377.00 | 71,785,50 | 591.50 | |
| Unicorn Rink, Operating Expenses | 124,620.00 | | 124,620.00 | 123,325.73 | 1,294.27 | |
| Unicorn Rink, Capital Outlay | 15,000.00 | | 15,000.00 | | 15,000.00 | |
| TOTAL RECREATIONAL | 377,947.00 | | 377,947.00 | 355,310.28 | 22,636.72 | |
| DEBT AND INTEREST ON DEBT | | | | | | |
| Maturing Debt | 930,000.00 | | 930,000.00 | 930,000.00 | | |
| Interest on Debt | 317,375.00 | | 317,375.00 | 314,748.33 | 2,626.67 | |
| TOTAL DEBT AND INTEREST ON DEBT | 1,247,375.00 | | 1,247,375.00 | 1,244,748.33 | 2,626.67 | |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT | 20,391,204.00 | 3,589,446.39 | 23,980,650.39 | 21,766,708.07 | 442,497.17 | 1771,445.15 |
| AGENCY, TRUST & REFUNDS | | | | | | |
| Payroll Deductions | | 5,900,624.18 | 5,900,624.18 | 5,900,624.18 | | |
| Due Other Governments | | 8,388.25 | 8,388.25 | 8,388.25 | | |
| High School Athletic | | 25,865.82 | 25,865.82 | 25,865.82 | | |
| School Lunch Program | | 357,273.30 | 357,273.30 | 357,273.30 | | |
| Guarantee Deposits | | - | - | - | | |
| Comm. of Massachusetts Assessments | | 1,261,018.00 | 1,261,018.00 | 1,261,018.00 | | |
| County of Middlesex Assessments | | 245,667.00 | 245,667.00 | 245,667.00 | | |
| County of Middlesex Dog Fund | | 1,440.00 | 1,440.00 | 1,440.00 | | |
| Repayment of Tax Anticipation Loan | | 5,000,000.00 | 5,000,000.00 | 5,000,000.00 | | |
| Trust Fund Transactions | | 15,860.81 | 15,860.81 | 15,860.81 | | |
| Refunds | | 161,183.36 | 161,183.36 | 161,183.36 | | |
| TOTAL AGENCY, TRUST AND REFUNDS | | 12,977,320.72 | 12,977,320.72 | 12,977,320.72 | | |
| GRAND TOTAL | 20,391,204.00 | 16,566,767.11 | 36,957,971.11 | 34,744,028.79 | 442,497.17 | 1771,445.15 |

APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND BALANCES

| Appropriation | Other Credits | Total Appropriations | Expended | To Surplus Revenue | To 1986 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|

A - To Be Raised by Assessors

B - Balance 7/1/84 - Grants

D - Donations

G - Grants

CO - Continuous Approp.

EN - Encumbrance

RS - Revenue Sharing

R - Reserve Fund

TR - Transfer

OU - Other Finance Uses

O - Outreach Workder

I - Interest

L - Loan

T - Trust Fund

TOWN OF STONEHAM

NET FUNDED DEBT - JUNE 30, 1985

| LOAN | ORIGINAL ISSUE | RATE | OUTSTANDING | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Water Loan, 1973 | 65,000 | 5.00 | 5,000 | 5,000 | | | | | | |
| 1976 | 65,000 | 6.20 | 25,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | | |
| 1977 | 65,000 | 4.50 | 25,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | | |
| 1978 | 70,000 | 5.00 | 10,000 | 10,000 | | | | | | |
| 1979 | 70,000 | 6.00 | 20,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | | | | | |
| 1980 | 70,000 | 6.00 | 42,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | |
| Jr. High School, Aug. '66 | 400,000 | 3.75 | 20,000 | 20,000 | | | | | | |
| Jr. High School, Dec. '66 | 4,700,000 | 4.00 | 245,000 | 245,000 | | | | | | |
| Jr. High School Roof Repair | 460,000 | 10.75 | 180,000 | 90,000 | 90,000 | | | | | |
| Jr. & Sr. High Renovation '81 | 3,000,000 | 5.35 | 1,800,000 | 300,000 | 300,000 | 300,000 | 300,000 | 300,000 | 300,000 | |
| Street Construction, 1978 | 80,000 | 5.25 | 20,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | | | | | |
| Unicorn Golf Course Land | 347,500 | 4.70 | 40,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | | | | | |
| Unicorn Skating Arena | 855,000 | 4.60 | 165,000 | 55,000 | 55,000 | 55,000 | | | | |
| Public Library Land | 300,000 | 6.10 | 60,000 | 60,000 | | | | | | |
| Public Library Addition | 1,300,000 | 9.40 | 910,000 | 130,000 | 130,000 | 130,000 | 130,000 | 130,000 | 130,000 | 130,000 |
| TOTALS | | | 3,567,000 | 972,000 | 632,000 | 502,000 | 447,000 | 447,000 | 437,000 | 130,000 |

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| Debt Outside Limit | 2,412,000 | Debt Limit | 33,469,350 |
| Debt Inside Limit | 1,155,000 | Debt Inside | 1,155,000 |
| Debt Outstanding | 3,567,000 | Borrowing Capacity, July 1, 1985 | 32,314,350 |

# STONEHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

With the passage, in July 1985, of Chapter 188, The Massachusetts Public School Improvement Act, the attention of the public has focused on the vital role of quality education in our society. This report will reflect the efforts of the School Committee during this landmark year to accept its responsibilities to the youth of Stoneham, to be sensitive to taxpayers, and to be responsive to concerns raised by parents and other members of the community.

The School Committee conducted twelve regular meetings and an additional eight special meetings during 1985. The fall and early winter meetings were held in various schools to encourage more staff, parents, and other interested citizens to be in attendance. Among the school policies developed or revised were the use and rental of school buildings, the acceptance of children of staff members as tuition students, the philosophy and objectives of Stoneham High School, student promotion and retention, and actions in the event that student is diagnosed as having AIDS/acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

The quality of curricula and instruction received maximum attention at meetings. The School Committee scheduled and responded to nine presentations on the following topics: business management; fine arts; data processing; computer science, library, and media services; mathematics; middle school progress; science and health education; special education, and system-wide testing. It was particularly important to the School Committee to assess the articulation and continuity of instruction and standards, not just in a school or grade level, but kindergarten through grade twelve. New textbooks were adopted for courses in analytic geometry, calculus, basic economics, American literature, English literature, grade seven mathematics, and grade seven science. Projects to improve curriculum and instruction were approved and completed in reading, honors English, French I and II, applied mathematics, applied science, and middle school science, social studies, and library skills.

The adequacy and safety of school buildings and grounds continued to be addressed within the restraints of the budget. Final arrangements were made for the renovations to begin at the Central School. Plans were developed, with maximum cooperation of other Town departments, to improve and better equip elementary school playgrounds. High school fields were provided greater security in a cost effective and attractive manner by using donated and low cost posts and railings. Efforts were made to convert school owned property into badly needed athletic fields.

The School Committee continued in 1985 to recognize that dedicated, achieving adults and young people are at the very heart of a good school system. Time was taken before regular meetings to honor outstanding scholars, athletes, and other worthy students. Accomplishments of staff members were noted and often recognized publicly. Nineteen parents were honored for their vital contributions as school volunteers.

## Student Representatives to the School Committee

Each year five students are elected to represent their peers before the School Committee. These student representatives are encouraged to state their opinions on matters discussed at the monthly meetings. Although the students do not vote on the items included in the agenda, their opinions are heard and considered by the town-elected Committee members. The presence of the student representatives enable the members of the Committee to understand the issues at hand from a student's perspective. During 1985, the student representatives were: Christine Bracciotti, Leslie Curtin, Steven Pellegrino, Lynne Simonetti, and Erin McGuiggin.

## Superintendent of Schools

It is a privilege, as Superintendent of Schools, to present to the citizens of Stoneham my part of the 95th annual report of the School Department. Each school year, I establish a theme which is meant to have a unifying and meaningful effect on students, staff, parents, and other citizens. Building on the theme of "Stoneham Pride" in the spring of 1985, we have set "enthusiasm" as a mutual goal for the fall and early winter. The responsibility to educate children is so great and so important that nothing less than "enthusiasm" by everyone involved - - the learner, the teacher, and the parent - - can lead to success.

In confronting the challenge to maintain quality education and to strive for improvements, the School Committee, Superintendent, and staff established ambitious goals for 1985 and have, in the largest measure, been able to complete successfully all of them. These goals were in four general categories: taking maximum advantage of available resources, instructional leadership, ongoing projects, and greater involvement of schools and students in the life of the community. By sound and often creative management of the budget, priority setting, and applying for state and federal grants, every available dollar was stretched to serve students. All provisions of the Public School Improvement Act of 1985 were examined and funds have already begun to come to Stoneham for improvements determined by newly-formed School Improvement Councils. Inservice training, particulary in the area of computer literacy, increased for staff in 1985. While we would have preferred quicker action, substantial progress has been made in three ongoing projects: the Central

School renovations, the High School soccer fields, and the elementary school playgrounds. More visible were successful efforts in a variety of ways and events, including Town Day, to motivate students to take a greater role in community affairs and projects.

Each principal, supervisor, and director established school level objectives for 1985 and were asked to document the results in terms of direct benefits to students. While space does not permit a complete list of accomplishments resulting from these objectives, some were as follows:

1. Students at the North and South Schools read for almost a half million minutes in a Reading For Pleasure program.
2. Central School students in grades three to six significantly improved performance in four basic mathematics skills.
3. Robin Hood School implemented a successful student recognition program.
4. The Junior High-Middle School staff developed a working statement of philosophy and objectives for a school of grades six, seven, and eight.
5. The High School incorporated their student handbook with a calendar for parents and published it in an impressive new booklet.

The School Department employs three hundred twenty (320) persons in professional or support positions; one hundred seventy-eight (178) full-time and twelve (12) part-time teachers, counselors, librarians, media specialists and psychologists. There are eight (8) program supervisors; five (5) principals and twelve (12) administrators; nineteen (19) full-time aides; three (3) full-time nurses, one (1) part-time nurse, and one (1) part-time physician. There are thirteen (13) full-time and eight (8) part-time secretaries and a data processing clerk. The special services division has a director, twenty-seven (27) full-time custodians and two (2) maintenance craftsmen. The food service division has a director, one (1) truck driver, seventeen (17) full-time and nine (9) part-time cafeteria helpers. In addition, there are six (6) full-time and five (5) part-time personnel supported by federal grants. The School Department also employs four (4) part-time summer school teachers and thirteen (13) part-time evening school teachers.

The school community was shocked in 1985 by the deaths of two highly valued employees: Robert F. Flynn, custodian at the South School and John J. Barry, III, a social studies teacher at the Junior High-Middle School. Mr. Flynn was not only dedicated to his work but was admired and loved by teachers and the children. What Mr. Barry accomplished as an outstanding teacher, coach, and person will survive in the minds, hearts, and values of a generation of his students.

In spite of feelings of regret, our best wishes went to five staff members who retired in 1985: Lillian I. Bartolucci, cafeteria staff at the High School; Barbara A. Crowe, elementary music teacher; William H. Larabee, custodian at the Central School; Rosemonde E. Robinson, foreign language teacher at the Junior High-Middle School; and Curtis Surette, system-wide custodian.

It is appropriate to conclude my second annual report with a sincere expression of gratitude to so many people who truly care about our students and about the Stoneham Public Schools. Stoneham is blessed with a dedicated School Committee, elected and appointed officials, and Town employees who work together and are supportive of young people. This has been a year marked by communication and cooperation with the leaders of the many youth organizations and of the other Town departments. The quality of the Stoneham Public Schools can be maintained and improved only to the degree its role is valued by those it serves.

# Central and Colonial Park Schools

This year Central School is housing elementary pupils in grades one through five. The sixth grade classes were moved to the Junior High-Middle School. The third floor at Central School, as well as the classrooms in the north part of the building, are vacant because of extensive renovations that are to begin. Colonial Park School is housing students from kindergarten to grade five, as well as a Chapter I preschool class.

The staffs at both schools are focusing a great deal of time to computers. They feel that computers are an essential part of learning in a technological society. The use of computers allows children to be more responsible for part of their learning and provides teachers with a greater capability to tailor instruction to meet individual needs. Computers and a variety of software are being provided for all grade levels, kindergarten through g ade five. The curriculum will be expanded as the teachers and students become more proficient with the use of computers and as more suitable software becomes available.

Two other academic areas on which teachers at Central and Colonial Park Schools are focusing their attention include listening and speaking. Listening and speaking, along with reading and writing, are important aspects of human communication. Listening, the fundamental communication skill, is developed before speaking, reading, and writing. Listening skills are utilized to develop models which are reproduced and imitated in speech. In learning to speak, a child reproduces the grammar of the listening environment. Speaking and listening need to be taught, refined and expanded because these skills form the prevalent mode of communication in human society, and they constitute the foundation for learning to read and write. It is planned that listening and speaking activities will be integrated into all curriculum areas.

# North and South Schools

Due to retirements and the addition of all sixth grades to the Junior High-Middle School, there were several staff changes at both the North and South Schools. Ms. Linda Secondini became the third grade teacher at South when Mrs. Poole transferred to the Middle School, and Mrs. Barbara Lambropoulos took over grade two. Both of these teachers are veteran teachers in the Stoneham School System. The movement of the sixth grade from North School opened up a classroom. With all the renovations being done at Central School, this classroom space allowed the entire Reading Department the room it needed. By the first of October, the Reading Department was settled in and doing its usual good job. The retirement of Mrs. Patricia Nelson allowed Mrs. Geraldine Cassidy, who was returning from a maternity leave, to take over the second grade position at North School. South School still has kindergarten through grade four and North School will have kindergarten through grade five.

A Playground Equipment Committee was formed at the end of the last school year. This committee is made up of parent representatives from each elementary school. Each school has been able to purchase playground equipment suitable to the individual needs of the schools.

Because of the passing of Chapter 188, School Improvement Committees were developed at both the North and South Schools. These committees are made up of parents, teachers, and administrators. As of this writing, the committees have not yet made recommendations as to how the allotted money should be spent.

The Absence Verification Program has been continued at both schools with one slight change. The phone calls being made to the homes of absent children are handled completely by the school secretaries instead of a parent this year. Because of the cooperation of every parent in the school, there are only one to three calls necessary on a daily basis.

The Holiday programs were done well at both schools this year. Each grade participated, and a special presentation was done for the parents just prior to the vacation. Book fairs at each school proved to be successful once again. Each school did better than any past year with the number of books purchased. Block Booking for Enrichment Programs has proved to be very successful this school year. There have been programs such as, Tom McCabe (storyteller), the Audubon Ark, Chief Red Dawn, Kids on the Block Puppets, and Food Play. There were many, many more activities during this school year than there have ever been in the past years. The school year just seemed to fly by.

# Robin Hood School

Instilling students with an enthusiasm for life and an enthusiasm for learning is the first step to providing a complete and quality education for everyone. Education means much more than well-prepared lessons and excellent test grades. Education means helping a child find his place, not only within his classroom and school, but beyond, into the community. By precept and by example, we must help students become better citizens of the society in which they live.

A new reading at home project for January was begun this year at Robin Hood School. The objective of the program is for parents and children to develop the habit of reading together at home. Participation in the program requires students to read with their parents fifteen minutes a day throughout the month of January. The child may read to the parent or the parent may read to the child. A statement that this will be done has to be signed before the project is started.

Other objectives during the month are button designing and making reading buttons on a button machine, decorating class doors as covers of books, dressing as favorite book characters, and in the art room, designing murals with scenes from books.

Because the principal is the recognized leader of a school, he can make a difference! And I hope in conjunction with the staff here at Robin Hood we have created an encouraging, supportive atmosphere where every boy and girl has the opportunity to be challenged and to be successful.

# Junior High School

As the school year opened in September, we welcomed sixth grade students and teachers to the Junior High-Middle School. They were a very positive addition to the school.

Mr. William C. Orman, Principal, culminated many months of hard work in January when he presented the report of the Middle School Advisory Committee to the Stoneham School Committee. Administrators, teachers, parents and interested citizens helped develop a Middle School philosophy and goals which were well received by the School Committee.

Sixth grade teachers became part of the teaming concept which enabled them to meet during their common preparation periods to better utilize a cross disciplinary approach to learning. Program supervisors continued to work closely with members of the department on teaming and improving curriculum.

Students were involved in many activities that gave them opportunities to work together on school and community projects. The Student Council directed our annual magazine drive. Members also collected money for charitable organizations such as the Globe Santa. Our National Junior Honor Society also did some charitable work

in nursing homes, and some members tutored younger students at the Central School. The seventh grade teams organized a successful Ecology Day to make the school grounds safe and more attractive. Mrs. Jane Gagnon organized Creativity Week with awards given out at the PTL night in the spring. Many students were involved.

As the school year came to a close, students became involved in the annual mathematics and spelling contests. Our annual field day organized around an "Olympics" theme was a most enjoyable day for students and faculty. The annual outdoor barbecue was held on the same day. In June many students were taken to Canobie Lake Park as a reward for their positive deeds on behalf of the school.

Our general music students are developing a deeper understanding of music and the related arts as they learn to play and improvise on Orff instruments and participate in singing, movement and multimedia experiences. This year we were able to schedule students for the band and chorus. As a result, many more students participated in 1985.



*Seventh and Eighth Grade Chorus*

During American Education Week we invited parents in to visit their children's classes. Many parents took advantage of the opportunity. We received many favorable comments regarding the work being done by the students and teachers.

The staff and student body were saddened by the death of John J. Barry, a social studies teacher at the Junior High School, on October 9. The PTL will present a scholarship in his name each year. We will miss him!

We feel that 1985 was another educationally productive year for Stoneham Junior High School.

# Stoneham High School

1985 represented some significant changes at Stoneham High School. There were 7 new faculty members appointed and 3 Program Supervisors. The areas of Business, Occupational Education, and Media are under new leadership as of September 1985.

The faculty spent the majority of its meeting time planning for the 1986 accreditation visit by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. In addition, the Curriculum Review Committee is preparing a report on the advisability of an Advanced Placement Program. This work will be completed in early 1986.

The use of computers continue to be a priority and many faculty have availed themselves of training opportunities. Students have access to computers in both laboratory situations and in individual classrooms.

The enrollment figures for October, 1985, are noted below:

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| Class of 1986 | 244 |
| Class of 1987 | 253 |
| Class of 1988 | 237 |
| Class of 1989 | 226 |
| Ungraded | 22 |
| | 982 |
| | Total |

# Business Education

The Business Education Department has acquired 5 new IBM PC microcomputers. The addition of the microcomputers to our preexisting 12 Wang word processing work stations has expanded our teaching/learning capabilities.

Students are utilizing the microcomputers for word processing as well as for accounting and office procedures applications. Through a grant received by the State Department of Education, we have hired an Automated Business Assistant to work individually with students in a supervised open lab as well as assist the instructors in computer/word processing applications during formal instruction periods. The utilization of the supervised lab and the Automated Business Assistant has permitted our Department to provide students with these skills even though their immediate goal is not gainful employment.

The future Secretaries Club once again awarded three $300 scholarships at graduation.

# Library and Media Service and Computer Science

Library, media, and computer services continue to be extensions of classroom learning in our public schools. As new technology and teaching methods become commonplace in education, our classroom teachers are utilizing new teaching machines to enhance further the education of the student. Computers and video machines are being used with quality software programs that meet curriculum needs and supplement book and classroom learning.

Our school libraries continue to develop their collections to meet the needs and interests of our students.

The television studio at the High School is being made ready for cable transmission to the homes in Stoneham. We hope to bring many of the interesting and exciting happenings of our schools into the homes and inform parents and the community about our schools' activities.

With service as our primary function, our schools' library, media, and computer services will continue to investigate and implement new teaching technologies and methods, allowing for improved educational opportunities for our students.

# English

In 1985 the English Department completed the first year of its required writing curriculum and evaluated its effectiveness; changes to the program were made by levels and a special course was established for students failing the program. The vocabulary testing program was continued with inservice time given to completing tests for all levels. Literature offerings in grades seven, eight and nine are under study and changes in the curriculum will be completed during the year and in summer projects. Grades nine through twelve completed the self-study for the coming evaluation and presented a report to the entire faculty. Students participated in a number of co-curricular activities as well, publishing a literary magazine, a school newspaper and the annual edition of the yearbook. Many students took part in the VOICE OF DEMOCRACY contest and in the fall dramatic production.

# Fine Arts

The Fine Arts Department includes the music and art programs for the public schools. Each year the department continues to provide a curriculum which extends beyond the boundaries of the classroom experience and into the community. Most noteworthy in this regard were grants from the Massachusetts Arts Lottery to complete sculpture for the High School court yard, a summer chorus program and a dance program for the middle school. The Art Department also provided posters and displays for the Public Library and the Lahey Clinic. Students continue to receive regular art instruction during school from art specialists. The curriculum begins in grade one and continues through high school.

In music, the elementary band attended Youth Concerts at Symphony Hall presented by the Boston Symphony. Elementary students participated in the Adventures in Music concerts and competitions and won several awards in musical composition. At the Junior High School, the band and chorus presented programs in the spring and also for the holidays in December. At the High School, the Spartan Chorale and Concert Band performed in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania and visited Washington, D.C. for their annual choral exchange weekend.

# Foreign Language

In 1985 the Foreign Language Department evaluated its new program for noncollege students interested in studying a foreign language and decided to change the title of the course and the approach; in this way the Department hopes to attract more students going into the business and public service sectors; curricular revision was also done on the French program. Use of the new language laboratories at both junior and senior high schools was examined in accordance with departmental goals and use exceeded expectations. This use paralleled continued efforts to test students speaking and listening ability; scores in the Achievement Tests from the College Board seem to indicate that students are achieving this oral-aural proficiency without sacrificing grammatical skill. Students also participated in national examinations in Latin and French. Again this year the Department sent home a letter telling parents about the aims and procedures of the Department, and each marking period sent a proficiency report on each student's progress in meeting these goals. As part of the co-curricular program, a group of students traveled to Rome with the Latin Club and to Quebec and Montreal with the French Club. Inability to travel to foreign countries is viewed with sadness by members of the Foreign Language Department.

# Guidance Services

The Guidance Staff consists of a Director, 3.5 counselors at the High School, 2.8 counselors at the Junior High School, and 2.2 counselors in the elementary schools. There is one secretary in the High School guidance office.

Individual conferences and/or observations are usually held at the elementary level as the result of parental, staff or special needs referrals. Secondary counselors have appointments with students whenever it is deemed advisable by the counselor, referred by the staff and/or parents or desired by the student. Group counseling is utilized whenever it is in the best interest of the student. However, the majority of problems require the one-on-one conference. Group information sessions are an efficient method of disseminating information and are used whenever individual conferences are unnecessary. This is a time-saving and cost-effective approach. It is used for orientation, course selection, college admission process and financial aid. Individual conferences are still necessary for many students.

The Guidance Department is responsible for group testing througout the Stoneham Public Schools. Individual psychological evaluations are administered by school psychologists who are members of the Special Education Department. Copies of each child's test results are sent home to parents, and copies are also kept in the child's individual guidance folder. In accordance with the student record regulations of the State Department of Education,

all materials in the guidance folder are destroyed five years after the student graduates or withdraws from the Stoneham Public Schools. a permanent transcript is kept by the School Department for sixty years. A summary of these regulations is sent to parents each year.

Achievement tests were administered to students in grades two, three and six. Criterion-reference tests in reading were administered to fourth grade students and in mathematics to seventh grade students. Criterion-reference tests, which do not have any numerical score, diagnose the individual student's strengths and weaknesses in a particular subject area. These tests are given in the beginning of the school year to help teachers meet the academic needs of the individual student. The Differential Aptitude Test (D.A.T.) and Career Planning Program were administered to seventh grade students. Nine aptitudes are measured by this instrument. A written report interprets the educational and vocational planning implications of the student's D.A.T. scores based on the student's educational goals, his/her expressed interests in a great variety of school subjects and activities, and his/her interest in fields of work and representative occupations. The College Entrance Examination Board Tests and the National Merit Qualifying Examination were administered to interested high school students. The Armed Forces Aptitude Test was also available to high school students.

The results by grade level of the Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills are:

| Grade | Reading | Lang. | Math | Total Battery | Norm Grade Equivalent |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 3.6 |
| 6 | 8.4 | 9.3 | 7.7 | 8.2 | 6.4 |

The results by grade level of the Standford Achievement Test are:

| Grade | Reading | Listening | Math | Norm Grade Equivalent |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 2.8 |

The results of the Scholastic Aptitude Tests of the College Entrance Examination Board given to interested Stoneham High School students in the Class of 1985 were:

| Range | Verbal | | | Mathematical | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Boys | Girls | Total | Boys | Girls | Total |
| Above 700 | 1% | 3% | 3% | 1% | 0% | 1% |
| Above 600 | 3% | 8% | 6% | 14% | 1% | 9% |
| Above 500 | 19% | 24% | 21% | 47% | 29% | 39% |
| Above 400 | 55% | 58% | 56% | 70% | 68% | 69% |
| Above 300 | 89% | 92% | 90% | 93% | 91 | 92% |

The State Board of Education has mandated a basic skills testing program. This program was started in the areas of reading, writing and mathematics for the first time in 1981. Listening tests were added to the State program in 1983. Since the passing standard in each test was determined by local committees, the standards differ for various communities and basic skill areas. It, therefore, is impossible to accurately compare test results. With this understanding, the results were as follows:

**BASIC SKILLS IMPROVEMENT TESTING PROGRAM**

| | NUMBER OF STUDENTS TESTED | PASSING STANDARD | NUMBER MEETING STANDARD | PER CENT MEETING STANDARD | NUMBER NOT MEETING STANDARD | NUMBER EXEMPT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Grade 3** | | | | | | |
| Reading | 168 | 41/55 | 163 | 97.0% | 5 | 11 |
| Writing | 167 | 4/8 | 156 | 93.4% | 11 | 12 |
| Mathematics | 168 | 53/98 | 164 | 97.6% | 4 | 11 |
| Listening | 169 | 15/19 | 169 | 100.0% | 0 | 10 |
| **Grade 5** | | | | | | |
| Listening | 210 | 12/21 | 208 | 99.0% | 2 | 3 |
| **Grade 6** | | | | | | |
| Reading | 179 | 46/85 | 176 | 98.3% | 3 | 9 |
| Writing | 179 | 5/8 | 168 | 93.8% | 11 | 9 |
| Mathematics | 179 | 57/98 | 166 | 92.7% | 13 | 9 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Grade 8** | | | | | | |
| Reading | 230 | 36/55 | 200 | 87.0% | 30 | 15 |
| Writing | 230 | 7/16 | 224 | 97.4% | 6 | 15 |
| Mathematics | 229 | 31/59 | 218 | 95.2% | 11 | 16 |
| Listening | 228 | 14/22 | 228 | 100.0% | 0 | 17 |

The guidance staff, teachers and administrators function as an effective team in the placement of graduates. The follow-up of the members of the Class of 1985 indicated:

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|---|---|
| Four-year colleges | 47.2% |
| Two-year regionally-accredited colleges | 16.2% |
| Other schools | 4.2% |
| Service | 1.9% |
| Employed | 29.4% |
| Other | 1.1% |
| Total | 100.00% |

During the year, representatives from 116 schools and colleges visited Stoneham High School to meet with interested students. The guidance staff processed 990 transcripts last year.

# Health

Our health courses continue to be an active and integral part of both the junior and senior high school programs. The program at the Junior High is being taught in science classes by science teachers. At the High School our speaker based program continues to be very successful as the program uses experts in the field to present various health topics to our students. The Health Department continues to be active in the SADD program, the peer leadership program as well as health week at the High School.

# Mathematics

This past year the entire High School mathematics staff has been actively involved in completing a self-study in preparation for the visiting committee from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges which will be arriving next October. Course outlines and curriculum guides are in the process of being reviewed and updated. Last summer a curriculum guide was produced for use with the applied mathematics classes.

At the Junior High we are in the midst of the first year of the changeover to a Middle School concept. As a result of an attempt by this Department to implement some recommendations made by the Middle School Advisory Council, we are attempting to introduce an enrichment program into our grade six mathematics program. To date, these efforts have been matched by great enthusiasm and interest by the students for the program.

# Occupational Education

Occupational education enhances occupational preparation by involving students in the real world of work. Occupational education builds individual qualifications for subsequent full-time employment or advanced study. Other worthy outcomes are evident: wages which satisfy financial needs and work that will provide incentive for those students who might otherwise drop out of school. Students are provided with instruction closely related to their career goals and job situations. Through actual employment, career decisions are stabilized, adjusted, or redirected as a result of exposure to an employment area. Effective occupational education represents an economic investment in the future because trained workers produce more efficiently and increase productivity.

The Cooperative Work Experience Program provided eighty students with work placements in business, retailing and the food industries. Many cooperative education graduates enter directly into skilled jobs. Others undertake advanced technical study, apprenticeships or professional college training.

The industrial arts, home economics and marketing and distribution programs of study provide the opportunity for all students to develop an understanding and awareness about the technical, occupational, organizational and managerial aspects of industry and food technology.

More computer hardware has been purchased through a federal grant awarded by the Division of Occupational Education. As a result, more training for students interested in the computer field will be available. This training will create further job opportunities in the clerical and fast growing computer fields.

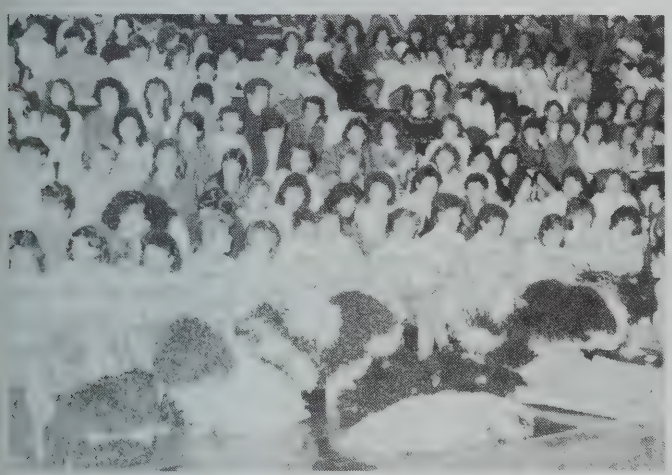
# Physical Education and Athletics

The physical education program this past year stressed physical fitness and conditioning. Teachers developed student habits of regular exercise and taught activity skills that provide recreational enjoyment. We made significant contributions in the attainment of proper social and personal values. All of our teaching objectives were geared to the individual capacity of the students at their particular grade level. Class activities were vigorous, demanding and challenging to make the educational experience worthwhile.

The Department continued its practice of administering formal testing to provide more specific definition of a student's physical strengths and weaknesses. Body alignment and correct posture in sitting, standing and walking were evaluated during class activities. Height and weight records were maintained, and students in grades five through nine were screened for postural kyphosis or scoliosis to assist in the early detection of possible spinal problems.

Our staff continued to work with the classroom teachers, adaptive physical education specialist, physical therapist, and learning disability teachers to service the needs of exceptional students having physical inadequacies to develop more strength, better coordination and control, a more accurate sense of balance, more precise timing, and improved skill in gross motor activities.

Intramural programs were offered to boys and girls, on a voluntary basis, after school in the fall, winter and spring sport seasons. This program provided additional opportunities for students to utilize learned physical education skills in actual competitive and recreational situations. Programs at the elementary and Junior High School were popular and successful.

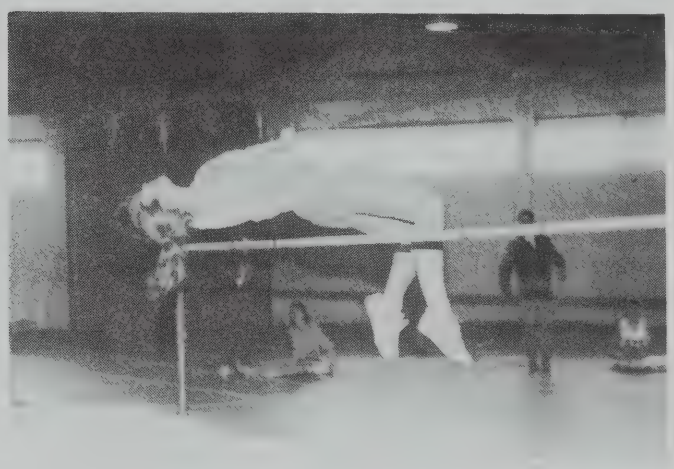


*Fall Sports Rally at Stoneham High School*

The quality and quantity of our physical education building facilities both indoor and outdoor were adequate. Supplies necessary for conducting well-balanced programs were made available to teachers in reasonable amounts upon request.

Since the implementation of equal educational opportunity laws (Title IX and Chapter 622), all of our physical education classes are co-educational, and the Department has taken significant steps to assure compliance with the laws against discrimination in the public schools.

The most important improvement made in the interscholastic athletic program has been gaining equity between the number of boys and girls programs available for Junior and Senior High School students. We provided a girls soccer program for the first time this past fall. Of the fifty-four athletic sports teams offered, twenty-eight are for girls, and twenty-six are for boys in grades six through twelve. Our most successful varsity sport teams were girls cross country; volleyball; and boys baseball.



*All Scholastic Runner, Kristen Seabury, shows her versatility*

Looking at the more positive and wholesome considerations of our schools athletic programs, we have increased the number of participants, provided competent coaching for our teams, and have every reason to be exceptionally proud of our student athletes, and the honors they have brought to the school and community.



*Championship Volleyball Team Dominates League A gain in 1985. The squad includes, front, from left to right: Rachel Fabiano, Glennis Hickey, and Kelley Carr. Second row: Coach Richard Barton, Becky Wells, Captain Noreen Cargill, Sue Bears and Stephanie Smith. Back row: Hillary Anderson, Joanne Colvario, Lillian LaRosa, Melissa Henriksen, Mary Scalisi, Sue Hassard and Lisa Venezia.*

Equipment is maintained in a serviceable condition, and repairs are provided as needed. We have placed a great demand upon the use of every outdoor practice and game field in the community. Many of our fields are in desperate need of immediate reconditioning for safe playing surfaces. Progress has been made in filling school land for development of additional new soccer and field

hockey fields adjacent to the High School football practice area. Discussion regarding the possible future construction of a cross country course by the Metropolitan District Commission at the Sheepfold Reservation is also very positive.

# Reading

The two major functions of the Reading Department are to provide direct service to children and to develop and improve reading instruction by working with classroom teachers as a resource.

**ELEMENTARY**

The Reading Department began to implement a computer based instructional management (CMI) program in September for grades one through five. This program will take a minimum of two-three years to be implemented completely, with projected expansion targeted for the Middle School. Individual skills profile reports will eventually be available for each participating student in reading. The computer management materials were purchased in the spring. In-service sessions on CMI were conducted in the fall for members of the Reading Department.

Teachers and students continued to participate in *Newspaper in Education Week* (NIEW) during the first week of March. The project was coordinated by the Director in conjunction with the Boston Globe.

With the upcoming renovation of Central School, the Reading Office moved after twelve years from Central to North School.

**SECONDARY**

The reading program at the high school level remains an elective one.

At the junior high level, reading skills instruction is required for all students in grades seven and eight. This instruction is a continuation of the curriculum established for the elementary grades and emphasizes study skills instruction with continued emphasis on integration of these skills into content area application.

Grade six students continue to follow the curriculum established in the past as part of the elementary program. This reading curriculum now becomes an excellent bridge between the elementary reading curriculum and the more intensive grade seven and eight study skills program.

A successful school-wide Reading Day program was instituted last spring in which all students and staff participated in various reading-related activities for the entire day. Renowned authors and storytellers were also key participants in the program.

**SYSTEM-WIDE**

The reading section of the Basic Skills Improvement program continues to be implemented. Students who fell below the standards established for grades three, six and eight began receiving specific reading instruction based on the minimum competency objectives established for these grade levels.

**CHAPTER I**

The role and mission of Chapter I are to deliver educational services in basic skills to educationally deprived students residing in areas of highest concentration of economically disadvantaged families. Chapter I provides additional teachers and materials for target schools through federal funds. Programs are developed and explained in the new three-year grant application (1985-1988) submitted to the Chapter I Office of the Massachusetts Department of Education. The programs are a continuation of previously implemented programs deemed successful through the evaluation process required by Chapter I regulations, and included in the previously written grant application.

The Addison-Wesley *Superkids Reading Program* continues at South and Central Schools. The program emphasizes a total language approach combining reading, spelling, language, listening and writing skills. This program was presented by participating staff members at the Massachusetts Reading Association Conference conducted in Sturbridge in March of 1985.

A Chapter I program in reading continues at the Middle School/Junior High School for grade seven and eight students offering additional reading instruction on a tutorial basis for those students requiring this support.

A Chapter I program in mathematics continues to offer support services for selected students in grades four through six at Central and the Middle School.

The preschool language development program was also continued and expanded to a full day program with two sessions with children attending four days a week, and one day slotted for home visits and/or demonstration lessons conducted by the teacher and various specialists for parents and children enrolled in the program. Specific activities are presented on various readiness skills with follow-up activities which the parents can develop at home.

A major change in service provided to private school students as required under Chapter I regulations was the result of the recent Supreme Court decision in Aguilar versus Felton. This service has now been designated at an appropriate neutral site agreed upon between the Chapter I Director and participating private school officials.

**ACE (Academically Creative Education)**

The ACE program for grades four, five and six completed a successful second year. Forty-six (46) students participated in the program with five withdrawals during the year.

At a meeting conducted in the spring, student nominations were received by the screening committee for inclusion in the 1985-1986 program. The screening committee consisted of the directors of reading and guidance, the ACE classroom teacher, and the three elementary principals. Criteria used for selection were the following: na-

tional percentile cut-off on the ability portion of the CTBS, local percentile cut-off on the achievement portions of the CTBS, additional ability measure where required, teacher recommendation, report card grades and comments, and a peer questionnaire. Fifty-five (55) students were selected who met the criteria established for the program. Parents of these students were informed of their child's selection, and a meeting was conducted with these parents in the middle of September informing them of the selection process and the curriculum for the program.

A coffee hour for parents of ACE students was conducted in November to discuss and share common ideas, problems and concerns.

A curriculum highlight of the past year was the program's involvement with *The Voyage of The Mimi,* an innovative new approach to science and mathematics education, combining television, print and software materials utilized in the researching of whales and study of their environment.

# Science

The Science Department had a busy and successful year. Our greenhouse at the High School was put into operation and is being used by students in our biology courses as well as by interested students from other classes. The Junior High ran a very successful whale watch field trip to Plymouth, Massachusetts for seventh grade students as well as a field trip to the Museum of Science for eighth graders. New textbooks were purchased for our basic level biology course. The Department completed a year long review of available computer software for possible inclusion into our curriculum and began preparations for our science fair to be run in April of 1986.

# Social Studies

It is a year of learning for students and teachers alike in the Social Studies Department. The Stoneham community was extremely generous in support of the Washington based Close-Up program this past year. Sixteen students, our largest delegation in nine years of participation, visited with Congressmen, Senators and members of the Executive and Judicial branches during a week long stay in our nation's capital. Other students participated in the Harvard Model United Nations, Massachusetts Student Government Day, and the Salem State College History Day.

Social Studies Department members won fellowships for summer study at the University of California at Davis, the Russian Center at Harvard University, and the Fletcher School of International Law and Diplomacy.

Summer Curriculum work was completed for the seventh grade geography course and the eighth grade civics program.

# Special Education

The major functions of the Special Education Department are to evaluate, to assess, and to provide services to students with special needs, including those who are hearing impaired, visually handicapped, physically handicapped, learning disabled, multi-handicapped, emotionally disturbed, or intellectually handicapped. During the past five years, the number of students in the Stoneham Public Schools has declined, while the number of students in special education in Stoneham has stabilized. The need for specialized placement in private schools outside Stoneham has been consistent during the past few years; however, costs continue to increase in the area of tuition and transportation.

Under Chapter 766 and Public Law 94-142, the schools are mandated to deliver services required to assist children in receiving a free, adequate, and appropriate public education. All students between the ages of three and twenty-two are eligible for services under these regulations. The State Department of Education has encouraged outreach to preschool students in an effort at early intervention, which is a preventive measure.

In compliance with regulations, a copy of Stoneham's Annual Program Plan for Special Education is on file at the public library for community inspection and comment.

# Business Office

**Energy Conservation**

The remotely located computerized energy monitoring systems at the High School and Junior High and the in-house microprocessor monitoring systems at the Central and Colonial Park Schools continue to provide fuel oil and electrical savings. Proposals to convert the Junior High and High School units to in-house systems are presently being reviewed. Fuel oil preheaters have been installed in the burners in all of the schools to reduce the viscosity of the oil. It is estimated these installations will generate a ten percent reduction in fuel oil consumption throughout the system.

The School Department, in conjunction with other

Town departments, has applied - - through the Community Development Coordinator's office - - for a grant that will support technical audits on all school buildings as well as the Town Hall. The Central School renovation project, which will be underway in 1986, includes extensive energy conservation measures.

**COLLABORATIVE PURCHASING**

The School Department has participated with other Town departments, through the Community Development Coordinator's office, to secure a grant for partial funding of a Town Purchasing Agent. It is expected that the addition of this position will greatly increase the cost effectiveness of the procurement function town-wide.

# Data Processing

The Data Processing Department provides extensive administrative and academic services on separate computers, one of which is shared with the Town. One computer is used exclusively for student programming instruction in a workshop or laboratory environment within the Mathematics Department discipline.

Administrative services, broadly defined, include attendance accounting, student scheduling, grade reporting, budgetary accounting and payroll. These tasks are performed on a separate computer which is shared with the Town and are run concurrently with Town applications in a real-time on-line interactive multiprogramming environment on one shift.

In the past year, administrative applications have been enhanced with the addition of student discipline and academic history modules both of which automate tasks which were previously accomplished manually. The discipline module records and tracks occurrences and disposition of infractions requiring disciplinary action. The academic history module maintains career data on students thereby providing automated student transcripts and alumni information.

Also, a sophisticated word processing application has been added to the system, thereby enabling document processing from a simple terminal. In addition to the typical word processing functions, it includes a 42,000 word spelling checker dictionary and a name and address processor for mass letter writing.

# Evening School

Fourteen courses were offered during the registration period in September; eight had sufficient enrollment to be self-sustaining. One hundred fifteen adults participated in the program. The most popular courses were office machines (including word processors), quilting, typing, Russian and art. An Open House was held in April, 1985, in the High School cafeteria, where evening school students displayed their accomplishments.



*Computer Literate Mothers Assist Elementary Teachers. Left to right: Mrs. Mary Maxhafer, Mrs. Elaine LaMarche, Mrs. Elizabeth Church, (teacher); Mrs. Dorothy Pullo, Mrs. Michelle McGinness, Mrs. Jean Goodrich, and Mrs. Janet French. Missing from the photo is Mr. Gerald Murphy.*

# Food Services

In our school lunch program at Stoneham, we are building on our past reputation of serving top quality foods with care under excellent sanitary conditions. We are constantly looking for feedback from our students so that we can serve them the foods that they enjoy. We are also carefully screening all ingredients so that the foods we serve give the maximum nutritional benefits to our students. In today's health minded society, it is important that our school lunch program helps to set standards for good eating habits for our childrens' future.

# Special Services

The conversion of the Junior High to a middle school facility has kept the Special Services Department busy. Many requests for moving of classroom furniture and materials were handled. The installation of two hundred lockers and various other smaller projects were completed in order to accommodate the influx of more students.

The three story section of Central School has been vacated for the anticipated alterations and renovations to that portion. Included in this will be a complete sprinkler system, a fire pump to boost the marginal water pressure to the required specifications for use with standpipes, dropped ceilings, new lighting, smoke detectors, new aluminum windows, fire rated doors and many other code update requirements, as well as painting. The work for this project is due to begin in 1986. A complete new roof has already been installed, with the flat roof section to be done as part of the renovation. The "Clerk of the Works" duties will be handled by the Director of Special Services, mainly because of the large span of time to do the renovations. This, of course, would be quite costly if contracted out.

A section of land by the baseball diamond at the High School athletic facility is being developed for use as field hockey and soccer fields, which should help to accom-

modate the many demands for athletic activities. The upkeep of some of the athletic fields has been practically non-existing due to the constant use of these areas; this does not allow us to develop the playing surface properly.

Energy conservation is still a priority with this Department, and we are continuing to work to this end. Technical audits are being looked into for all the schools in our system. Grant money to do this work is available on a priority basis.

Playground equipment and facilities are being studied, with the mutual interest of the various school P.T.L. councils and School Committee; early spring being the target for this to be in place.

Service requests numbered 1,430 last year and were completed by in-house staff.

# Summer School

The six week annual Summer School program was held in the High School using two teachers teaching two classes two hours each day (8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon) five days a week. The courses taught were, junior and senior high English, social studies, and mathematics (junior and senior high). The classes are self-sustaining; therefore, tuition must take care of expenses or the class cannot commence. The classes are remedial in nature and directed toward students who failed the equivalent of one semester and want to improve enough to pass on to the next grade, or for students who passed in the regular school year but felt they needed additional help to be better prepared for the coming year. The total number was fifty-five, with all but three residents of Stoneham.



*Spartan Jazz Band*

# Conclusions and Projections

1985 will be remembered as a year of enthusiasm and accomplishments by students and staff. While the long term influence of the Public School Improvement Act cannot be predicted, the first steps to maximize its promise were taken by the Stoneham Public Schools in 1985. In particular, school improvement councils were formed, curriculum assessment testing organized, and fifteen provisions of the law assigned, for review and monitoring, to administrative committees. The public should understand, however, that the reporting mandates alone will require hours and hours of administrative and faculty time in 1986. Yet it will be the goal of the School Department to see that every benefit of the law appropriate to the needs of Stoneham children will be translated into classroom instruction or direct student services.

An important step in educational planning must involve the review of enrollment projections. On October 1, 1985, there were 2,785 students being served by the Stoneham Public Schools on the following levels: elementary (K to 5) - 1,139; Junior High-Middle School (6, 7 and 8) -625; the Senior High School (9 to 12) - 960 and ungraded -61. This reflected an overall decrease from October 1, 1984 of 100 students. However, the drop in enrollment was less than last year and should signal a "leveling off" period. A definite trend is that first grade enrollment was the highest of the first four grades for the second consecutive year. First grade has been a more accurate indicator of the future enrollments because some working parents now place their youngsters in full-day, private programs instead of public school kindergartens.

With grade six in place as part of the middle school, the School Department's long range plan for facility utilization has been implemented. Yet planning must be comprehensive and therefore include parallel goals related to finance, curricula, instruction, performance standards, and training of staff. Some of the major goals for 1986 are described here as follows:

1. Progress to the construction stage of the Central School renovation project and to the resurfacing stage of the proposed soccer fields leading to improved and safer situations for students and other Stoneham citizens.
2. Host a visiting team of evaluators from New England Association of Schools and Colleges as a crucial step toward the continuing accreditation of Stoneham High School.
3. Conduct an assessment of mathematics curricula and instruction in grades one to three, leading to the improvement of student performance.
4. Place greater emphasis on speaking units as part of the English curriculum in grades six to twelve.
5. Integrate appropriate uses of personal computers into academic classroom instruction on all levels.
6. Extend to all high school students the opportunity to learn introductory word processing skills.
7. Develop - - through assessment, research, and analysis - - an occupational education curriculum which will meet the changing needs of noncollege-bound students in the 1980s and 1990s.

The Stoneham School Department, as a committed

and self-renewing institution, has not waited for state and federal mandates to improve public education. As a result, we are pleased to report that in 1985, great progress in the directions set by the provisions of the Public School Improvement Law had already been made. Major provisions in the areas of per pupil expenditures, minimum teacher salary, and incentives for teacher training were already at a level mandated by the new law. Other provisions, however, provide great potential for Stoneham students and staff and will be carefully reviewed. In particular, the School Department will pursue all opportunities to gain state funding to enhance programs for our students and to improve the quality of teaching. While our record in 1985 is viewed with pride, we recognize that only the continued support of a caring community will enable us to strive for greater success for our students in 1986.

# 1985 Stoneham High School Diploma List

Amy Adams
*Cheryle Ann Ahern
*William S. Andronico
Maria Elena Anselmi
*Nicole M. Arena
*Robert Joseph Arigo
Stephen Timothy Armato
Denise R. Ashton
Maria Louise Aucello
*Ronald Richard Auriemna
Renee Ann Auterio
Paul Kevin Baker
Paul Charles Ballotta, III
James Edward Barry, Jr.
*Marie Evelyn Barry
Robert F. Bassill
Ronald Joseph Bassill
Arlene Sharon Bennett
Chris D. Bertolino
Maureen Jessica Berube
Anthony F. Bono
Nancy J. Boris
†*Sheila Marie Boyajian
†*Christine M. Bracciotti
*Ellen Marion Brindle
*Michael Charles Brook
Thomas Scott Bryce
*Richard Buckley
David Buda
Robert Stephen Buono
Christine L. Burke
Michelle F. Burnett
Nicole Genevieve Caroli
Patrick D. Carpenito
John H. Carroll
†*Annamaria Ciamarra
*Diane Mary Cicatelli
†*Ruth Ann Clayton
Timmy J. Cloutier
Karen Ann Coffin
†*Katherine Rose Connery
Timothy Robert Conti
Ricardo Cordoba
Mark William Colonna
Mark Correnti
Kristina Marie Corso
Cheryl Ann Craig
John R. Cremins
Cheryl L. Crocker
Scott Matthew Curran
†*Leslie Ann Curtin
*Christopher Jude D'Ambrosio
Karen Melissa Damelio
David J. Danis
Frederick D'Annolfo
Susan D'Avanzo
Glenn M. Davis
*Karen Leanne Day
*Brian Daniel Days
Christopher Joseph DeCosta
Randall M. DeMarco
Christian M. DeVeau
Lori J. Devine
Michael J. DiGiacomo
†*Paula Leigh Dillon
Barbara DiMarco
Theresa DiMarco
Gina Marie DiMeo
Gary A. DiNapoli
Gary A. DiPiero
John Doherty
Phillip Doherty
Robert Joseph Donahue
Karen Ann Dotolo
*John Michael Doyle
*Maureen J. Doyle
Paula Ann Doyle
Kelly Ann Duff
Mary-Kathleen E. Duff
Paul Duonolo
Timothy M. Duplin
Stephen James Eagan
Jeff Michael Ellegood
Karen M. Ells
Peter A. Fabiano
Lloyd W. Faini
Lauren C. Faucon
*Timothy G. Flanagan
*Joanne E. Flynn
Jill Forgitano
Stephen J. Fyler
Ellen Marie Gaffney
†*Karen Linda Gagne
†*Linda A. Gargano
*Marina Angela Gentile
Daniel J. George
Lori A. Giannelli
Erin T. Gilmartin
Sotirios Gizelis
Keith L. Glass
William J. Gover
Lisa Marie Gray
Natalie M. Greenwood
*Patricia A. Haggerty
Lynne Marie Hamilton
*Eileen Marie Hannigan
*Sharon Marie Hassard
Michelle Marie Healey
David S. Hill
Glenn R. Holman
Walter O. Ibarrola
†*Alonza Nadine Jackson
William J. Jordan
Kevin Michael Jutras
*David Chester Kelley
Lauren Elizabeth Kiddy
Steven John Kilroy
Karen Marie Kirby
*Dina Grace Kissinger
William A. Kullman
*Holly Ann Kupcewski
Jeanne Teresa LaCroix
Karen A. Lamantea
*Rodger S. Landes
Susan Lane
*Renee Lauria
Amy Susan Lavasseur
Wendy Susan Lavasseur
Diane M. Ledwith
Danny Lemay
Scott M. LeSaffre
Gerald F. Linehan
Nina Liu
Maryann Lombardo
Christopher Paul Luther
Karen Diane Luti
Paul W. MacEachern
*Scott D. MacNeil
Robert W. MacNeill
Lisa Macklin
*Lori Ann Maffeo
Laureen Adrienne Maher
Lisa Jean Mallon
Joseph Mangano
Lucy Marchese
*Christine Marie Marcotte
Douglas Arthur Marino
Kimberly Ann Marquis
Ronald Aquilino Mastrodicasa
*Craig James Maxwell
Lisa McAllister
*Erin Anne McGuiggan
Kathleen D. McKenna
Brendan Means
†*Brenda Lynne Melkonian
Brian Robert Merchant
Robert A. Messina, Jr.
*Emilio Millan
Eugene J. Millerick
†*Guerino Molinaro
Melanie Beth Monaco
David John Muir
John W. Muise
Christopher D. Mulligan
Brian J. Murphy
Bryan F. Murphy
Scott Timothy Murphy
Sean Keith Murphy
*Anjana P. Nebhnani
Catherine Marie Nesbit
†*Mary Beth Neylon
Thomas B. Nichols
Marcus Norman Nickerson
Susan Angela Noone
Lisa Joy Norman
Sean P. O'Neil
James O'Neil
*Richard Allen Palumbo
Michael P. Pantano
†*Steven John Pellegrino
*Gary M. Pettway
Edward J. Pignone
Sherri Mdarie Pignone
*Timothy Patrick Powers
William John Previdi
Jeffrey John Proia
Lisa Ann Proodian
*Paul Anton Proodian
*Susan F. Rando
*Nicole Marie Reynolds
Joseph L. Riccardelli
*Lisa Marie Riccardelli

Scott Thomas Rielly
†*Charlie Michael Rizzo
*Susan A. Rose
Neil Barry Ross
Brian James Rubner
†*Kathleen Patricia Rump
Joseph A. Saccoccio
Anthony Saia, Jr.
Kim M. Salamone
†*Annette Ellen Saltamartini
Joanne S. Sandler
*John A. Sannella
Loreen P. Sarcia
Toni Ann Scarpa
Charles A. Scimone
Kevin Hartley Scribner
Dennis J. Senibaldi
†*Deborah J. Sevier
Crystal Ann Sharp
Leon David Shneider
Lynne M. Simonetti
Mark V. Simpson
Franca Sinagoga
Matthew G. Smith
*Timothy Jason Smith
†*Ellen S. Solomita
Kristen Marie Sorenson
Scott G. Sowyrda
†*Michael John St. Amand
Christopher M. Stewart
Tracy Stewart
*Julie Leeanne Stillinger
†*Jeffrey P. Sturgis
Daniel James Sullivan
Donald Patrick Sullivan
*Doreen Lynn Sullivan
Jennifer Sullivan
*Richard J. Sullivan, Jr.
Gail A. Sylvester
Michael K. Szczawinski
Karen Anne Tague
†*Michael K. Tatian
Linnea B. Thomas
Christine Anne Tierney
Kathleen T. Toomy
Julie A. Torode
Mary Beth Torres
Michelle M. Tower
*Amy Evangeline Towse
†*Brian R. Trevor
Michelle Marie Tringali
Kelley A. Turner
Diana Marie Uva
Andrea Marie Vacon
†*Susan M. Van Loon
Sharon Vinci
Jinelle May Walker
Michael Charles Wallis
Steven H. Walles
Paul Christopher Wharf
†*Suzanne L. Whittaker
Gino Kevin Whooley
†*Kristen Theresa Wigandt
Daniel Edward Williams
Laura Jean Winn
Rochelle Elizabeth Yarjan
Cathy Ann Zaccone
Anthony L. Zarbano
Deana Zizza

*Honors Group

†National Honor Society

# MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Annual Memorial Day Parade was held on Monday, May 27th, and for the first time in many years, the parade began at 10:00 a.m. The weather was sunny and warm, a beautiful day for a parade.

The Committee was as follows: Chairman, Veterans' Agent, Joseph A. DeSisto, Parade Marshall, Daniel Sweeney, Sr., American Legion Post #115, Secretary, Gerald F. Sullivan, V.F.W. Post #620, George Parsons, George Savard, American Legion Post #115, Frank Gilson, Don Tocci, V.F.W. Post #620.

Flags were placed on approximately 1,400 Veterans' graves at Lindenwood Cemetery, St. Patrick's Cemetery, Puritan Lawn Cemetery in Peabody. Graves were decorated by the Committee Members and Fred Mosley, Tom Leahy, Bill Meegan and the Stoneham Police Explorers under the supervision of Office William Surette.

Twenty one groups participated in the parade. Stoneham High School Band played at the ceremonies held at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Lindenwood Cemetery and at the concluding ceremony on the Town Hall Lawn.

Guest speakers were Sherman (Whip) Saltmarsh, State Representative; Michael Rolli, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen; and Joseph DeSisto, Town Veterans' Agent and Chairman of the committee.

The parade was recorded on Video Tape (VCR) from start to finish, including the ceremonies at the cemeteries and the town hall. The credits list the order of the parade, all the participants and even a few interviews. The tape is a good historical keepsake and is available at the Stoneham Public Library for schools, clubs or individuals who might like to see it. Credit to Selectman Richard Mangerian and John D. Allee for making this possible.

# LABOR SERVICE

The function of this office is to maintain Civil Service Records and files of Labor Service employees in Stoneham. Public Works employees and School Cafeteria Helpers make up the list. We also provide applications to register for these positions, maintain eligible lists, rosters, employees record cards and a master log. We provide certified eligible lists when positions become available.

We are required to send a statistical report to Personnel Administration in Boston every year. These requirements come under Chapter 31 of the Massachusetts General Laws. As of 12/31/85, we had 32 Public Works employees and 44 School Cafeteria Helpers listed on our rosters.

We certified two requisitions from the School Department for full time and permanent intermittent Cafeteria Helpers. On December 27, 1985, we received a requisition from the Public Works Department to fill the position of Motor Equipment Repairman. We received 22 applications to register for Public Works and School Cafeteria Helper positions. Our master eligible list totals 262.

Another function of this office is to post all exams for Official Civil Service positions, such as Police, Fire, Clerks, Custodians, etc., and provide application cards for such exams.

There is no budget for Labor Service. Office Supplies, postage and advertising costs which are minimal, come out of the Veterans Services Budget.

# TOWN CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

December 31, 1985

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Marriage Licenses | | $ 2010.00 |
| Records | | |
| Mortgages | $ 3970.00 | |
| Business Certificates | 815.00 | |
| Gas Registrations | 1375.00 | |
| Street Lists | 518.00 | |
| All others | 235.00 | 6913.00 |
| Certificates | | 9980.25 |
| **DOG LICENSES** | | |
| 287 Males at $3.00 | 861.00 | |
| 44 Females at $6.00 | 264.00 | |
| 248 Spayed females at $3.00 | 744.00 | |
| 2 Kennels at $10.00 | 20.00 | |
| 2 Kennels at $25.00 | 50.00 | |
| 1 Kennel at $50.00 | 50.00 | 1989.00 |
| Town Fee | | 584.00 |
| Dog Fines | | 2240.00 |
| **FISH & GAME LICENSES** | | |
| 244 Fishing at $12.50 | 3050.00 | |
| 88 Hunting at $12.50 | 1100.00 | |
| 64 Sportsman at $19.50 | 1248.00 | |
| 16 Minors fishing at $6.50 | 104.00 | |
| 1 Non-Res. Cit/Alien Fishing at $17.50 | 17.50 | |
| 1 Non-Res. Cit/Alien 7 day Fishing at $11.50 | 11.50 | |
| 3 Non-Res. Cit/Alien Hunting at $23.50 | 70.50 | |
| 2 Duplicates at $2.00 | 4.00 | |
| 2 Res. Alien Hunting at $19.50 | 39.00 | |
| 10 Res. Cit. Fishing 65-69 at $6.25 | 62.50 | |
| 1 Res. Cit. Sporting at $9.75 | 9.75 | |
| 18 Archery Stamps at $5.10 | 91.80 | |
| 50 waterfowl Stamps at $1.25 | 62.50 | 5871.05 |
| **TOTAL RECEIPTS** | | $29587.30 |
| **PAYMENTS** | | |
| To County of Middlesex for Dog Licenses | | 1547.50 |
| To Commonwealth of MA for Fish & Game Licenses | | 5641.75 |
| Dog Fines | $2240.00 | |
| Town Fee | 584.00 | |
| Dog license fees | 441.50 | |
| Fish & Game license fees | 229.30 | |
| Recording fees | 6913.00 | |
| Marriage License | 2010.00 | |
| Certificates | 9980.25 | 22398.05 |
| **TOTAL** | | 29587.30 |

**VITAL STATISTICS RECORDED BY TOWN CLERK 1985**

| | |
|---|---|
| Births | 1118 |
| Marriages | 215 |
| Deaths | 365 |

# TOWN ELECTION

**April 2, 1985**

Agreeable to the warrant signed by the Selectmen in accordance with the By-Laws of the Town of Stoneham, the inhabitants of the town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met in Town Hall on April 2, 1985 at seven o'clock in the forenoon.

Election officers, appointed by the Selectmen in accordance with law, were sworn by the Town Clerk and assigned to duty by the Warden.

The meeting was called to order, the warrant read and the polls were declared open. At eight o'clock in the evening the polls were declared closed at which time the entrance check lists showed the names of 2569 voters having received ballots. As ascertained by the Warden, the ballot boxes registered 2569 voters having cast ballots.

### MODERATOR FOR ONE YEAR

| PRECINCT | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Albert B. Conti | 246 | 287 | 275 | 223 | 411 | 312 | 1754 |
| Blanks | 128 | 137 | 82 | 126 | 184 | 158 | 815 |

### SELECTMAN FOR THREE YEARS (two)

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| George D. Lamantea | 177 | 212 | 195 | 192 | 264 | 235 | 1275 |
| Cosmo M. Ciccarello | 187 | 214 | 201 | 168 | 362 | 286 | 1418 |
| Frank A. Vallarelli | 206 | 222 | 168 | 165 | 260 | 186 | 1207 |
| Blanks | 178 | 200 | 150 | 173 | 304 | 233 | 1238 |

### ASSESSOR FOR THREE YEARS

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| George C. Riccardelli | 200 | 204 | 171 | 153 | 302 | 215 | 1245 |
| Therese M. DiBlasi | 124 | 171 | 162 | 123 | 198 | 195 | 973 |
| Blanks | 50 | 49 | 24 | 73 | 95 | 60 | 351 |

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS (two)

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Theodore G. Christo | 112 | 157 | 139 | 122 | 226 | 174 | 930 |
| Peter R. D'Angelo | 194 | 266 | 218 | 195 | 336 | 258 | 1467 |
| Rita N. Ahrens | 241 | 219 | 198 | 199 | 315 | 275 | 1447 |
| Blanks | 201 | 206 | 159 | 182 | 313 | 233 | 1294 |

### BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THREE YEARS

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Louis D. Golini | 254 | 305 | 284 | 251 | 433 | 335 | 1862 |
| Blanks | 120 | 119 | 73 | 98 | 162 | 135 | 707 |

### TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THREE YEARS (two)

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| William L. Hoyt | 279 | 306 | 277 | 254 | 456 | 351 | 1923 |
| Pearl Mayman | 196 | 238 | 203 | 175 | 319 | 240 | 1371 |

### PLANNING BOARD FOR FIVE YEARS

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Steven L. Cicatelli | 252 | 286 | 252 | 226 | 420 | 311 | 1747 |
| Blanks | 122 | 138 | 105 | 123 | 175 | 159 | 822 |

### STONEHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR FIVE YEARS

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| John M. Rolli | 259 | 293 | 253 | 223 | 424 | 298 | 1750 |
| Blanks | 115 | 131 | 104 | 126 | 171 | 172 | 819 |

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| George Alger, Jr. | 187 | 231 | 184 | 179 | 308 | 251 | 1340 |
| Robert E. Moreira | 230 | 283 | 250 | 229 | 372 | 249 | 1613 |
| George R. O'Brien | 245 | 266 | 217 | 194 | 371 | 250 | 1543 |
| Howard E. Cole | 112 | 116 | 105 | 90 | 141 | 141 | 705 |
| Blanks | 348 | 376 | 315 | 355 | 593 | 519 | 2506 |

# WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

**Monday, February 25, 1985**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stoneham in the County of Middlesex,

*GREETING:*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in the:

STONEHAM TOWN HALL

on

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1985

at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act on the following Article of this Warrant:

**ARTICLE 1.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of having the Board of Selectmen conduct a State Census. Said sum to be raised from taxes of current year, from available funds or to do anything in relation thereto.

*BOARD OF SELECTMEN*

And you are directed to have five hundred (500) copies of the Warrant printed and so serve the same by posting duly attested copies in at least ten (10) public places in the Town at least fourteen (14) days before the time for holding said meeting and by causing an attested copy to be published in some newspaper in the Town, the publication to be not less than three (3) days before said meeting.

The remaining copies you are to have at the place and time of meeting as aforesaid.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place aforesaid.

Given unto our hands this 5th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-five.

*BOARD OF SELECTMEN*

*Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, of the within meeting by posting attested copies of the said Warrant in at least ten (10) public places in the Town on February 11, 1985 and by publishing duly attested copy of said Warrant in The Stoneham Independent on February 13, 1985.*

*CONSTABLE OF STONEHAM*

# WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

**Monday, February 25, 1985**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stoneham in the County of Middlesex,

*GREETING:*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in the:

STONEHAM TOWN HALL

on

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1985

at 7:30 o'clock in the evening to act on the following Articles of this Warrant:

**ARTICLE 1.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate supplemental sums to those previously voted under Article #16 of 1984 Annual Town Meeting Warrant and Article #1 of the July 16, 1984 Special Town Meeting Warrant for the purpose of funding the collective bargaining agreement with the Stoneham Police Association, Stoneham Public Works Employees Association and Stoneham International Association of Fire Fighters for the FY'85 Budget. Said appropriation to be raised by transfer of available funds, or to do anything in relation thereto.

*TOWN ADMINISTRATOR*

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to delete Sec. 10-27.1 (a) of the Town Code in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

Every permanent full-time employee not covered by collective bargaining, completing the minimum number of years of service shall be eligible for paid vacation at their straight time rate based on the following schedule:

Upon the anniversary date of continuous employment:

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| 1 year through 4 years | 2 weeks vacation |
| 5 years through 9 years | 3 weeks vacation |

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| 10 years through 19 years | 4 weeks vacation |
| 20 years through 29 years | 5 weeks vacation |
| 30 years or more | 6 weeks vacation |

*ELAINE E. MOORE ET AL*

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wage, Salary & Classification Plan of July 1, 1983 to June 30, 1984 as follows:

LONGEVITY SCHEDULE
Non-Collective Bargaining Personnel

| | |
|---|---|
| 5 years to 10 years | $400.00 |
| 10 years to 20 years | $450.00 |
| 20 years to 30 years | $500.00 |
| 30 Years or more | $600.00 |

*ELAINE E. MOORE ET AL*

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate supplemental sums to those previously voted under Article #16 of the 1984 Annual Town Meeting Warrant and Article #1 of the July 16, 1984 Special Town Meeting Warrant for the purpose of funding the Town of Stoneham's Wage, Salary and Classification Plan for non-collective bargaining employees for compensation to be effective July 1, 1984. Said appropriation to be raised by transfer of available funds, or to do anything in relation thereto.

*TOWN ADMINISTRATOR*

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of having the Town Administrator employ a parking consultant to review, design and make recommendations within the Stoneham Square area and to do anything in relation thereto. Said sum to be raised by revenue of the current year, by transfer from available funds, or to do anything in relation thereto.

*BOARD OF SELECTMEN*
*CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE*
*CHAMBER OF COMMERCE*
*STONEHAM SQUARE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION*
*PLANNING BOARD*

And you are directed to have five hundred (500) copies of the Warrant printed and so serve the same by posting duly attested copies in at least ten (10) public places in the Town at least fourteen (14) days before the time for holding said meeting and by causing an attested copy to be published in some newspaper in the Town, the publication to be not less than three (3) days before said meeting.

The remaining copies you are to have at the place and time of meeting as aforesaid.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place aforesaid.

Given unto our hands this 22nd day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-five.

*BOARD OF SELECTMEN*

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and town affairs of the within meeting by posting attested copies of the said Warrant in at least ten (10) public places in the Town on February 11, 1985 and by publishing duly attested copy of said Warrant in The Stoneham Independent on February 13, 1985.

*CONSTABLE OF STONEHAM*

# SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

**February 25, 1985**

Agreeable to the warrant signed by the Selectmen on February 5, 1985 the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met in the Stoneham Town Hall on Monday, February 25, 1985 at 8:15 o'clock in the evening.

Tellers were appointed to check the names of voters entering the Stoneham Town Hall and the check lists showed that 198 voters attended this meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator.

**ARTICLE 1.** It was moved and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars ($8,000.) from revenue of the current year for the purpose of having the Board of Selectmen conduct the 1985 State Census.

It was moved and seconded to amend Article 1 by adding as follows:

"And authorize reimbursement to the budget of the Town Clerk for any expenditures related thereto which have been made to date by said Town Clerk and authorized the Town Accountant to make such transfers on the books of the Town."

This motion CARRIED.

The original motion, as amended, was VOTED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

All the foregoing truly entered.

*TOWN CLERK*

# SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

**February 25, 1985**

Agreeable to the warrant signed by the Selectmen on January 22, 1985 the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met in the Stoneham Town Hall on Monday, February 25, 1985 at 7:40 o'clock in the evening.

Tellers were appointed to check the names of voters entering the Stoneham Town Hall and the check lists showed that 198 voters attended this meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator:

**ARTICLE 1. VOTED** that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $215,284.00 to be added to supplemental sums

previously voted under Article 16 of the 1984 Annual Town Meeting Warrant and Article 1 of the July 16, 1984 Special Town Meeting Warrant and Article 1 of the July 16, 1984 Special Town Meeting warrant for the purpose of funding the collective bargaining agreements with the Stoneham Police Association, Stoneham Public Works Employees Association and Stoneham International Association of Fire Fighters for the Fiscal Year 1985 Budget as follows:

| Dept. | Name | Item | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| 101 | Police | Personnel | $82,895. |
| 103 | Fire | Personnel | 78,686. |
| 103 | Fire | Operating Exp. | 808. |
| 300 | Public Works Dept. | Personnel | 26,079. |
| 300 | Public Works Dept. | Operating Exp. | 1,000. |
| 300 | Public Works Dept. | Capital Outlay | 1,200. |
| 401 | Public Works Dept. (sewer) | Personnel | 13,533. |
| 440 | Public Works Dept. (water) | Personnel | 11,083. |

and that the foregoing appropriations amounting to $215,284. be raised as follows:

$204,201 by transfer from the Town Administrator/ Salary Adjustment Account and
11,083 from Estimated Water Receipts

and the Town Accountant is hereby authorized to make such transfers on the Books of the Town.

*UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 2. VOTED** that the Town delete Section 10-27.1, Par. (a) of the Town Code in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

Every permanent full-time employee not covered by collective bargaining, completing the minimum number of years of service shall be eligible for paid vacation at their straight time rate based on the following schedule:

Upon the anniversary date of the continuous employment:

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 year through 4 years | 2 weeks vacation |
| 5 years through 9 years | 3 weeks vacation |
| 10 years through 19 years | 4 weeks vacation |
| 20 years through 29 years | 5 weeks vacation |
| 30 years or more | 6 weeks vacation |

To be effective July 1, 1985.

*UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 3. VOTED** that the Town amend the Longevity Schedule of the 84/85 Wage, Salary, & Classification Plan for Non-Collective Bargaining Employees effective July 1, 1985 as follows:

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|---|---|
| 5 years to 10 years | $400.00 |
| 10 years to 20 years | $450.00 |
| 20 years or more | $500.00 |

*UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 4. VOTED** that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $70,531. to be added to supplimental sums to those previously voted under Article 16 of the 1984 Annual Town Meeting warrant and Article 1 of the July 16, 1984 Special Town Meeting warrant for the purpose of funding the Town of Stoneham's Wage, Salary and Classification Plan for non-collective bargaining employees for compensation to be effective July 1, 1984 as follows:

| Dept. | Name | Item | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| 03 | Board of Selectmen | Personnel | $ 1,827. |
| 05 | Town Administrator | Personnel | 2,973. |
| 08 | Finance and Advisory Board | Personnel | 300. |
| 29 | Board of Assessors | Personnel | 4,157. |
| 35 | Treasurer/Tax Collector | Personnel | 2,617. |
| 38 | Elections and Registration | Personnel | 200. |
| 47 | Personnel Board | Personnel | 2,980. |
| 51 | Data Processing | Personnel | 2,466. |
| 101 | Police | Personnel | 3,683. |
| 103 | Fire | Personnel | 4,152. |
| 113 | Building and Wire | Personnel | 2,675. |
| 131 | Civil Preparedness | Personnel | 232. |
| 137 | Sealer of Weights and Measures | Personnel | 260. |
| 300 | Public Works | Personnel | 12,060. |
| 487 | Conservation Commission | Personnel | 175. |
| 501 | Board of Health | Personnel | 7,819. |
| 531 | Council on Aging | Personnel | 2,516. |
| 541 | Youth Commission | Personnel | 438. |
| 551 | Veterans | Personnel | 1,432. |
| 601 | Public Library | Personnel | 10,482. |
| 627 | Unicorn Golf | Personnel | 3,775. |
| 629 | Unicorn Rink | Personnel | 3,312. |

and that the foregoing appropriations amounting to $70.531 be raised as follows:

By transfer from the Town Administrator's Salary Adjustment Account ..... $55,091.

Revenue of the Current Year ..... 15.440.

and that the Town Accountant is hereby authorized to make said transfers on the books of the Town.

**ARTICLE 5.** It was moved and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen thousand dollars ($13,000.) from revenue of the current year for the purpose of having the Town Administrator employ a parking consultant to review, design and make recommendations relative to the Stoneham Square area.

YES 89 NO 62

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

All the foregoing truly entered.

*TOWN CLERK*

# WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

**Tuesday, April 2, 1985**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stoneham in the County of Middlesex,

*GREETING:*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in the Town Hall on Tuesday, April 2, 1985 at seven o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following Articles of this Warrant:

**ARTICLE 1.** To choose the following officers:

One (1) Moderator for one (1) year.

Two (2) Selectmen for three (3) years.

One (1) Assessor for three (3) years.

Two (2) School Committee members for three (3) years.

One (1) Board of Health member for three (3) years.

Two (2) Trustees of the Stoneham Public Library for three (3) years.

One (1) Planning Board member for five (5) years.

One (1) Stoneham Housing Authority member for five (5) years.

Three (3) Constables for three (3) years.

All on one ballot.

The polls for the Annual Town Election shall be closed at eight o'clock in the evening.

For consideration of the following Articles, the meeting shall be adjourned to meet in Town Hall in 7:30 o'clock in the evening on Monday, May 6, 1985, in accordance with provisions of Article I, Section 2-3 of the By-Laws of the Town of Stoneham.

**ARTICLE 2.** To choose all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year in such a manner as the Town may determine.

*BOARD OF SELECTMEN*

**ARTICLE 3.** To hear the reports of town officers and committees and to act thereon and to choose committees.

*BOARD OF SELECTMEN*

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1985 in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes thereof, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

*BOARD OF SELECTMEN*

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of the several elective officers and the Boards of the Town for the 1985/86 fiscal year.

*BOARD OF SELECTMEN*

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a certain sum of the excess earnings of the Stoneham Contributory Retirement System to the pension reserve fund. Said transfer in accordance with Chapter 661, Section 12 of the Acts of 1983.

*BOARD OF SELECTMEN*
*STONEHAM CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM*

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to approve the adoption of Subsection 4 (c) under Chapter 32, Section 20 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth which, in substance, provides as follows:

4. System for cities and towns. - (c):

The method for selection of the three members of the Retirement Board shall be as follows:

The Board of Selectmen shall appoint one member for a period of three years. A second member shall be elected by the members in or retired from service of such system from among their number in such manner and for such term, not exceeding three years, as the Board of Selectmen shall determine. The third member shall be appointed by the commissioner of public employee retirement after being nominated by the other two members provided, however, in the event said two members cannot agree on such nominee to submit to the commissioner within ten days, then each member shall within five days submit a list of three names of individuals ready and willing to serve, and the commissioner shall then appoint the third member from such list who shall be a resident of such community and who shall not be a current or former member of the retirement system under this chapter.

*BOARD OF SELECTMEN*

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Code by deleting Section 19-3. (Composition of Retirement Board) in its entirety and placing in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 19-3. Composition of Board.

The Board of Retirement shall be covered by the provisions of Chapter 32, Section 20, Subsection 4 (c) of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

*BOARD OF SELECTMEN*

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of paying meal allowances for Public Works Department employees, incurred in the removal of snow and ice in Fiscal Year 1983-1984. Said sum to be raised from revenue of the current year, by transfer from available funds or do anything in relation thereto.

*WILLIAM SEQUINO, JR.*
*TOWN ADMINISTRATOR*

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will instruct the Board of Assessors to use a sum of money for the reduction of the 1985/86 fiscal year tax rate.

*BOARD OF SELECTMEN*

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation or by transfer from available funds, such sums as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, including debt and interest and a reserve fund or do anything in relation hereto.

*BOARD OF SELECTMEN*

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of constructing sanitary sewer mains within the limits of the Town, determine in what manner the said appropriation shall be raised, from taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, or do anything in relation thereto.

*PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT*

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of defraying the cost of constructing water mains or replacing or relining existing water mains within the limits of the town, determine in what manner the said appropriation shall be raised, from taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, or do anything in relation thereto.

*PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT*

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of constructing or reconstructing storm drains within the limits of the Town, determine in what manner the said appropriation shall be raised, from taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, or do anything in relation thereto.

*PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT*

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of continuing the permanent construction program on Public Ways within the Town; authorize the Public Works Department to make such expenditures on behalf of the Town or do anything in relation thereto.

*PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT*

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Administrator to acquire an easement for drainage purposes on behalf of the Town of Stoneham. Such easement to be acquired by purchase, by gift, or by taking by eminent domain under the provisions of Chapter 79 or 80A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Said easement to extend from the land of Simmons at number 170 Central Street across the land of Sunnyhurst Dairy to Central Street. Said easement to be used for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a 60 inch diameter storm drainage pipe.

*WILLIAM SEQUINO, JR.*
*TOWN ADMINISTRATOR*

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Administrator to acquire an easement for drainage purposes on behalf of the Town of Stoneham. Such easement to be acquired by purchase, by gift, or by taking by eminent domain under the provisions of Chapter 79 or 80A of the General Laws of the Commonealth of Massachusetts. Said easement to extend from Hanford Road, a public way, across land of the Pilgrim Land Investment Trust to land of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

*WILLIAM SEQUINO, JR.*
*TOWN ADMINISTRATOR*

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Administrator to acquire a utility easement on behalf of the Town of Stoneham. Such easement to be acquired by purchase, by gift, or by taking by eminent domain under the provisions of Chapter 79 or 80A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Said easement to extend from Aricia Lane, so-called, a private way, across land of the Barkley Development Corporation to Ivy Road, so-called, a private way, and the land, now or formerly, of Edward Newton.

*WILLIAM SEQUINO, JR.*
*TOWN ADMINISTRATOR*

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Administrator to acquire an easement for drainage purposes on behalf of the Town of Stoneham. Such easement to be acquired by purchase, by gift, or by taking by eminent domain under the provisions of Chapter 79 or 80A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Said easement to extend from Pine Street, a public way, across land of Christopher Coviello to land of the Town of Stoneham.

*WILLIAM SEQUINO, JR.*
*TOWN ADMINISTRATOR*

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Administrator to acquire an easement for drainage purposes on behalf of the Town of Stoneham. Such easement to be acquired by purchase, by gift, or by taking by eminent domain under the provisions of Chapter 79 or 80A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Said easement to extend from Pomeworth Street, a public way, southerly across land of Joseph Cunningham and the Electronic Instrument Specialty Corporation to land of the Town of Stoneham. Also extending from the aforementioned easement easterly to land of the Town of Stoneham.

*WILLIAM SEQUINO, JR.*
*TOWN ADMINISTRATOR*

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Administrator to acquire an easement for drainage purposes on behalf of the town of Stoneham. Such easement to be acquired by purchase, by gift, or by taking by eminent domain under the provisions of Chapter 79 or 80A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Said easement to extend from Elm Street, a public way, southerly along Sweetwater Brook across land of Fougere and Merrill, Walker, and the Boston Edison Company to the land of the Town of Stoneham.

*WILLIAM SEQUINO, JR.*
*TOWN ADMINISTRATOR*

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Administrator to acquire an easement for drainage purposes on behalf of the Town of Stoneham. Such easement to be acquired by purchase, by gift, or by taking by eminent domain under the provisions of Chapter 79 or 80A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Said easement to extend westerly from Sweetwater Brook along the southerly sideline of Elm Street, a public way across land of the Boston Edison Company and Harvey Skolnick, to Central Street, a public way.

*WILLIAM SEQUINO, JR.*
*TOWN ADMINISTRATOR*

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of paying longevity compensation due Officer George Sullivan of the Stoneham Police Department incurred in Fiscal Year 1983-84. Said sum to be raised from revenue of the current year, by transfer from available funds or do anything in relation thereto.

*WILLIAM SEQUINO, JR.*
*TOWN ADMINISTRATOR*

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 26 of the Acts and Resolves of 1981 by deleting Section 4 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 4. A member of the School Committee, or of the Finance and Advisory Board shall, during the term of which he was elected or appointed, be ineligible either by election or appointment to hold any other town office. Any person appointed by the Town Administrator to any town office under the provisions of this Act or of any general or special law shall be eligible during the term of said office to appointment to any other town office, except that the Town Accountant shall not be eligible to hold the position of Town Treasurer or the position of Town Collector. The Town Administrator, subject to any applicable provision of the General Laws relating thereto, may assume the duties of any office which he is authorized to fill by appointment.

Or do anything in relation to said Chapter 26.

*ANNAMAE ARSENAULT ET AL*
*188 NORTH STREET*

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town will vote to petition the Legislature to enact a Special Act amending "An Act Establishing A Selectmen-Administrator form of Government for the Town of Stoneham", Chapter 26 of the Acts of 1981 as follows:

DELETE SECTION 14 as it presently exists and which reads as follows: "After the acceptance of this act, the registered voters of the town of Stoneham shall, in accordance with any applicable laws, by-laws and votes of the town, continue to elect the following: -

(a) Moderator
(b) Board of Selectmen
(c) School Committee
(d) Planning Board
(e) Board of Health
(f) Assessors
(g) Library Trustees
(h) Representative to Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School
(i) Housing Authority
(j) Constables
(k) Town Clerk

The acceptance of this act shall not affect the term of office of any such elected official or elected member of such board, committee or authority. Every other elective office, board, committee, or commission of the town shall be terminated or shall become appointive as hereinafter provided, any other provision of law to the contrary not withstanding. The term of office of any person elected to any office, board, committee or commission of the town, existing at the time of such acceptance and terminated hereunder, shall continue until the appointment of the town administrator, and thereafter the said offices, boards, committees and commissions shall be abolished, and all powers, duties and obligations conferred or imposed thereon by law, except as provided by this act, shall be conferred and imposed upon the town administrator to the extent hereinafter provided. The term of office of any person elected to any office, board, committee or commission existing as an elected office at the time of the acceptance of this act and having become appointive hereunder, shall continue until the term for which that person was elected shall have expired, and until the appointment and qualification of his successor.

The powers, duties and responsibilities of elected officials shall be as now or hereafter provided by applicable provisions of general laws, special acts, by-laws and votes of the town, except as otherwise expressly provided herein.

Notwithstanding the election by the voters of the town of the officers named in this section, such officers shall be available to the administrator for consultation, conference and discussion on matters relating to their respective offices."

"SECTION 14
After the acceptance of this act, the registered voters of the town of Stoneham shall, in accordance with any applicable laws, by-laws and votes of the town, continue to elect the following: -

(a) Moderator
(b) Board of Selectmen
(c) School Committee
(d) Planning Board
(e) Board of Health
(f) Assessors
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(h) Representative to Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School
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The acceptance of this act shall not affect the term of office of any such elected official or elected member of such board, committee or authority. Every other elective office, board, committee, or commission of the town shall be terminated or shall become appointive as hereinafter provided, any other provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding. The term of office of any person elected to any office, board, committee or commission of the town, existing at the time of such acceptance and terminated hereunder, shall continue until the appointment of the town administrator, and thereafter the said offices, boards, committees and commissions shall be abolished, and all powers, duties and obligations conferred or imposed thereon by law, except as provided by this act, shall be conferred and imposed upon the town administrator to the extent hereinafter provided. The term of office of any person elected to any office, board, committee or commission existing as an elected office at the time of the acceptance of this act and having become appointive hereunder, shall continue until the term for which that person was elected shall have expired, and until the appointment and qualification of his successor.

The powers, duties and responsibilities of elected officials shall be as now or hereafter provided by applicable provisions of general laws, special acts, by-laws and votes of the town, except as otherwise expressly provided herein.

Notwithstanding the election by the voters of the town of the officers named in this section, such officers shall be available to the administrator for consultation, conference and discussion on matters relating to their respective offices."

DELETE SECTION 2 as it presently exists and which reads as follows:

"Section 2. The selectmen shall appoint the town accountant, town counsel and the members of all multimember boards, committees and commissions except those appointed by the moderator."

AND BY INSERTING IN LIEU THEREOF THE FOLLOWING:

"Section 2. The selectmen shall appoint the town accountant, town counsel, town clerk, and the members of all multi-member boards, committees and commissions except those appointed by the moderator."

*KATHLEEN SULLIVAN*
*91 SPRING STREET*

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize and instruct the Board of Selectmen to sell a certain parcel of land on Pond Street to Carmen Merlino for a sum to be determined by the Town Meeting. Said parcel is shown on Stoneham Assessors Map #14 parcel #32. Said parcel being more particularly described in a deed from Godfrey Reider to the Inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham recorded at the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, Book 1625, Page 55 and described therein as follows:

Situated on the westerly side of Pond Street containing two acres and sixty-one square rods more or less and bounded as follows: beginning at a stake at the southeast corner thereof at land of Fass and by land of Daniel Hill, thence the line runs northerly as the wall now stands thirty-one and a half rods to the corner of the wall at land now or formerly of Eldridge Gerry. Thence easterly as the wall now stands about sixteen rods to said Pond Street, thence southerly by said Pond Street about twenty-six rods and sixteen links to a stake at land of said Fass, thence westerly by land of said Fass, eight rods and twenty links to the bound first mentioned.

Or what action it will take in regard thereto.

*DENISE A MERLINO*
*3 HIGH ROCK ROAD*

**ARTICLE 27.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning By-law, Section 15-105 by adding a new section as follows:

Section 15-105.1 VACANCY - In a site plan hearing, where due to absence, disability, conflict of interest, or for any reason a vacancy on the Board of Selectmen exists, then the remaining members of the Board of Selectmen shall designate a member of the Planning Board to act as a member of the Board of Selectmen with all of the powers and duties expressed or implied under the provisions of this division.

*CHARLES F. HOUGHTON*
*15 KIMBALL DRIVE*

**ARTICLE 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for engineering services on Montvale Avenue under the Urban Systems Project or do anything in relation thereto. Said sum to be raised from revenue of the current year, transfer of available funds or do anything in relation thereto.

*WILLIAM SEQUINO, JR.*
*TOWN ADMINISTRATOR*

**ARTICLE 29.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Code by deleting Sections 2-19 and 2-20 of Chapter 2 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 2-19 FINANCIAL ESTIMATES OF BOARDS, OFFICERS, ETC., EXPENDING TOWN MONEY - PREPARATION AND FILING.

The various town boards, officers and committees charged with the expenditure of town money shall, one hundred twenty (120) days before the start of the Annual Town Meeting, prepare and file detailed estimates of the amounts deemed necessary for the administration of their respective offices or departments for the ensuing year, with explanatory statements of the reasons for any change from the amounts appropriated for the same purpose in the preceding year.

They shall also prepare estimates of all probable items of income which may be received by them during the ensuing year in connection with the administration of their departments or offices and a statement of the amount of the appropriation requested by them for the ensuing year. Such estimates and statements shall be filed with the Town Administrator who shall transmit them to the clerk of the Finance and Advisory Board.

The Finance and Advisory Board shall duly consider the estimates so submitted and may confer with town boards, officers and committees and hold hearings, if they deem it advisable.

The board shall make a report of the matters so considered by it with recommendations or suggestions relative thereto and such recommendations or suggestions shall be published at least ten (10) days before the adjourned session of the Annual Town Meeting.

Such report of the Finance and Advisory Board, as published, shall also contain a statement of the doings of the Board during the year, with such recommendations or suggestions as it may deem advisable on any matters pertaining to the welfare of the Town.

SECTION 2-20 SAME - CONSIDERATION AND REPORT OF BOARD.

In addition to the foregoing the Finance and Advisory Board shall consider the subject matter of all Articles under its jurisdiction and shall make recommendations or suggestions relative to such Articles. Such recommendations and suggestions shall be published at least three (3) days before any special town Meeting and at least ten (10) days before the adjourned session of the annual Town Meeting.

*FINANCE AND ADVISORY BOARD*

*And you are directed to have five hundred (500) copies of the Warrant printed and so serve the same by posting duly attested copies in at least ten (10) public places in the Town seven (7) days at least before the time for holding said meeting and by causing a duly attested copy of the said Warrant to be published in some newspaper in the Town, the publication to be not less than three (3) days before said meeting.*

*The remaining copies you are to have at the place and time of meeting as aforesaid.*

*Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doing thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place aforesaid.*

*Given unto our hands this twenty-second day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-five.*

*BOARD OF SELECTMEN*

# ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

**May 6, 1985**

Agreeable to the warrant signed by the Selectmen of March 22, 1985 the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met in the Stoneham Town Hall on Monday, May 6, 1985 at 7:40 o'clock in the evening.

Tellers were appointed to check the names of voters entering the Stoneham Town Hall and the check lists shows that 244 voters attended this meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator.

**ARTICLE 2. VOTED** that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to appoint all other Town Officers whose appointments are not otherwise provided for by law.

*UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 3. VOTED** that the reports of the Town Officers and Committees as printed in the Annual Town Reports for 1984 or otherwise presented at this Town Meeting be accepted.

*UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 4. VOTED** that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1985 in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

*UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 5.** It was moved and seconded that the Town fix the salaries of elective officers and Boards of the Town for the 1985/86 fiscal year at:

| | |
|---|---|
| Town Moderator | $ 50. |
| Town Clerk | 18,000. |
| Selectmen - Chairperson | 1,250. |
| Selectmen - Member | 1,000. |
| Assessors - Chairperson | 3,000. |
| Assessors - Member | 2,500. |
| Board of Health - Chairperson | 400. |
| Board of Health - Members | 300. |

The Town Clerk then requested an adjustment in the Town Clerk's pay from $18,000. to $25,000. This was not presented as an amendment; therefore, no vote was allowed.

The above motion, as presented, was VOTED.

It was moved and seconded that the above Article be reconsidered. It was then voted that a secret ballot be taken.

The vote on reconsideration was as follows:

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 227 YES 114 NO 109

This motion DID NOT CARRY.

It was requested that the rules be suspended so that Article 25 be acted on now. The vote on this request was YES 158 NO 58

**ARTICLE 25.** It was moved and seconded that the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

VOTED: UNANIMOUSLY

It was moved and seconded that Article 25 be reconsidered. This motion DID NOT CARRY.

*UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 6. VOTED** that the subject matter of Article 6 be indefinitely postponed.

*UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 7.** It was moved and seconded that the subject matter of Article 7 be indefinitely postponed.

This motion CARRIED.

**ARTICLE 8. VOTED** that the subject matter of Article 8 be indefinitely postponed.

*UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 9. VOTED** that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $84.70 for the purpose of paying meal allowances for Public Works Department employees, incurred in the removal of snow and ice in Fiscal Year 1983-1984. Said sum to be raised from revenue of the current year.

*UNANIMOUS*

It was moved and seconded that Article 7 be reconsidered. This motion DID NOT CARRY.

*UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 10.** It was moved and seconded that the Town instruct the Board of Assessors to use the sum of $1,074,318. for the reduction of the 1985/86 fiscal year tax rate. Said sum to be transferred from the Surplus Revenue Account. The Town Accountant is authorized to make such transfers on the books of the Town.

The Town Meeting was recessed at 9:45 P.M. for three minutes and the Town Accountant, who is not a resident of Stoneham, was invited to answer a question about surplus money. The Town Meeting reconvened at 9:48 P.M.

VOTED: UNANIMOUS

**ARTICLE 11. VOTED** that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of TWENTY THREE MILLION, SIX THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS ($23,006,990) to defray town charges, including the town operating budget, for the year beginning July 1, 1985 thru June 30, 1986, said sum as itemized and to be expended as follows:

| Dept. No. | | Personnel | Operating | Out of State Travel | Capital Outlay | State Charges | Debt. Serv. | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | Selectmen | 42,545 | 29,600 | | | | | 72,145 |
| 5 | Administrator | 69,945 | 21,495 | | | | | 91,440 |
| 7 | Moderator | 50 | 50 | | | | | 100 |
| 8 | Finance Board | 7,425 | 3,270 | | 3,000 | | | 13,695 |
| 9 | Reserve Fund | | 60,000 | | | | | 60,000 |
| 25 | Accountant | 87,440 | 2,050 | | | | | 89,490 |
| 29 | Assessors | 90,675 | 13,100 | | 200 | | | 103,975 |
| 35 | Treasurer | 117,695 | 62,945 | | 300 | | | 180,940 |
| 38 | Election | 18,235 | 18,510 | | 240 | | | 36,985 |
| 39 | Clerk | 52,070 | 3,415 | | 500 | | | 55,985 |
| 45 | Town Counsel | 40,450 | 11,290 | | | | | 51,740 |
| 47 | Personnel | 20,225 | 1,530 | | | | | 21,755 |
| 51 | Data Processing | 27,950 | 27,800 | | | | | 55,750 |
| 65 | Public Property | 54,540 | 56,400 | | 39,180 | | | 150,120 |
| 71 | Unclassified | | 2,962,265 | 7,200 | | | | 2,969,465 |
| 101 | Police | 1,529,620 | 80,550 | | 48,975 | | | 1,659,145 |
| 102 | Traffic Directors | 96,600 | 1,300 | | | | | 97,900 |
| 103 | Fire | 1,501,460 | 75,995 | | 11,475 | | | 1,588,930 |
| 104 | Fire Hydrants Main. | | 9,530 | | | | | 9,530 |
| 113 | Building Dept. | 82,595 | 8,820 | | | | | 91,415 |
| 131 | Civil Defense | 5,110 | 2,345 | | | | | 7,455 |
| 137 | Sealer Wts. & Meas. | 3,925 | 745 | | | | | 4,670 |
| 191 | Safety Committee | | 280 | | | | | 280 |
| 200 | Public Schools | | | | | | | 9,548,315 |
| 299 | N.E. Voc. School | | 241,810 | | | | | 241,810 |
| 300 | DPW Administration | 787,745 | 378,215 | | 56,385 | | | 1,222,345 |
| 307 | Street Lighting | | 272,980 | | | | | 272,980 |
| 401 | Sewer Service | 201,170 | 31,450 | | | 351,000 | | 583,620 |
| 403 | Refuse Coll/Disposal | | 465,000 | | | | | 465,000 |
| 440 | Water | 193,820 | 53,025 | 1,200 | 6,235 | 314,000 | | 568,280 |
| 482 | Historical Society | | 1,200 | | | | | 1,200 |
| 487 | Conservation Comm. | 3,665 | 18,230 | | | | | 21,895 |
| 501 | Board of Health | 93,300 | 10,975 | | 700 | | | 104,975 |
| 531 | Council on Aging | 60,160 | 20,405 | | 19,860 | | | 100,425 |
| 541 | Youth Commission | 26,515 | 7,835 | | | | | 34,350 |
| 551 | Veterans Service | 40,370 | 42,370 | | | | | 82,740 |
| 552 | Care of Vet. Graves | 50 | 250 | | | | | 300 |
| 601 | Public Library | 232,480 | 110,000 | | | | | 342,480 |
| 619 | Organ Committee | | 300 | | | | | 300 |
| 627 | Unicorn Golf | 81,580 | 77,580 | | 6,925 | | | 166,085 |
| 629 | Unicorn Arena | 76,610 | 136,500 | | 27,500 | | | 240,610 |
| 643 | Memorial Day Parade | | 3,000 | | | | | 3,000 |
| 701 | Maturing Debt | | | | | | 1,300,000 | 1,300,000 |
| 702 | Interest on Debt | | | | | | 293,370 | 293,370 |
| TOTALS | | $5,646,020 | $5,324,410 | $8,400 | $221,475 | $665,000 | $1,593,370 | $23,006,990 |

It is also moved that the foregoing appropriations amounting to TWENTY THREE MILLION, SIX THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS ($23,006,990) for town charges, including the town operation budget, for the year beginning July 1, 1985 thru June 30, 1986, be raised as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| From Revenue of the current year | $22,104,663. |
| U.S. Federal Revenue Sharing to Police Dept. Personnel | 137,500. |
| U.S. Federal Revenue Sharing to Fire Dept. Pesonnel | 137,500 |
| By Transfer from State Aid to Public Library Operating Cost | 10,712. |
| By Transfer from Estimated Water Receipts to | |
| Maturing Debt | 42,000. |
| Interest on Water Debt | 6,335. |
| Water Department Personnel | 193,820. |
| Water Department Operating | 53,025. |
| Water Department Out of State Travel | 1,200. |
| Water Department Capital Equipment | 6,235. |
| Water Department Government Charges | 314,000. |
| TOTAL | $23,006,990. |

and that any monies unexpended or unencumbered at the close of the fiscal year shall revert back to the General Fund of the Town; and that the Town Accountant is hereby authorized to make such aforementioned transfers on the books of the Town, and that the Town set an appropriation limit of $23,167,800. for all money articles. It is further moved that any amendments which will increase any particular line item must contain the source of such increase from within the budget.

**ARTICLE 12. VOTED** that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $12,500 for the purpose of constructing sanitary sewer mains within the limits of Town. Said sum to be raised as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Revenue of the current year | $ 6,000. |
| Transfer from balance of unexpended funds voted under Article 9 of the October 24, 1983 Special Town Meeting | 6,500. |
| | $12,500. |

The Town Accountant is hereby authorized to make such transfers on the books of the Town.

*UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 13. VOTED** that the Town raise the sum of $67,000. for the purpose of defraying the cost of constructing water mains or replacing or relining existing water mains within the limits of Town. Said sum to be transferred from Estimated Water Receipts, and the Town Accountant is hereby authorized to make such transfers on the books of the Town.

*UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 14. VOTED** that the subject matter of Article 14 be indefinitely postponed.

*UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 15. VOTED** that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $250,000. for the purpose of continuing the permanent construction program on Public Ways within the Town; authorize the Public Works Department to make such expenditures on behalf of the Town or do anything in relation thereto, and the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to issue notes or other indebtedness to a sum not to exceed $250,000. in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 7, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

*UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 16. VOTED** that the Town authorize the Town Administrator to acquire an easement for drainage purposes on behalf of the Town of Stoneham. Such easement to be acquired by purchase, by gift, or by taking by eminent domain under the provisions of Chapter 79 or 80A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Said easement to extend from the land of Simmons at number 170 Central Street across the land of Sunnyhurst Dairy to Central Street. Said easement to be used for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a sixty inch diameter storm drainage pipe, and that said acquisition be paid for under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53A, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts relative to the Public Works Economic Development program.

*UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 17. VOTED** that the Town authorize the Town Administrator to acquire an easement for drainage purposes on behalf of the Town of Stoneham. Such easement to be acquired by purchase, by gift, or by taking by eminent domain under the provisions of Chapter 79 or 80A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Said easement to extend from Hanford Road, a public way, across land of the Pilgrim Land Investment Trust to land of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and that the sum of $300. be appropriated from revenue of the current year to be used for the fees in the recording of any and all instruments to establish such easement.

*UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 18. VOTED** that the Town authorize the Town Administrator to acquire a utility easement on behalf of the Town of Stoneham. Such easement to be acquired by purchase, by gift, or by taking by eminent domain under the provisions of Chapter 79 or 80A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Said easement to extend from Aricia Lane, so-called, a private way, across land of the Barkley Development Corporation to Ivy Road, so-called, a private way, and the land, now or formerly, of

Edward Newton, and that sum of $300. be appropriated from revenue of the current year to be used for the fees in the recording of any and all instruments necessary to establish such easement.

*UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 19. VOTED** that the Town authorize the Town Administrator to acquire an easement for drainage purposes on behalf of the Town of Stoneham. Such easement to be acquired by purchase, by gift, or by taking by eminent domain under the provisions of Chapter 79 or 80A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Said easement to extend from Pine Street, Stoneham, and that the sum of $300. be appropriated from the revenue of the current year to be used for the fees in the recording of any and all instruments necessary to establish such easement.

*UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 20. VOTED** that the Town authorize the Town Administrator to acquire an easement for drainage purposes on behalf of the Town of Stoneham. Such easement to be acquired by purchase, by gift, or by taking by eminent domain under the provisions of Chapter 79 or 80A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Said easement to extend from Pomeworth Street, a public way, southerly across land of Joseph Cunningham and the Electronic Instrument Speciality Corporation to land of the Town of Stoneham. Also extending from the aforementioned easement easterly to land of the Town of Stoneham, and that the sum of $300. be appropriated from revenue of the current year to be used for the fees in the recording of any and all instruments necessary to establish such easement.

*UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 21. VOTED** that the Town authorize the Town Administrator to acquire an easement for drainage purposes on behalf of the Town of Stoneham. Such easement to be acquired by purchase, by gift, or by taking by eminent domain under the provisions of Chapter 79 or 80A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Said easement to extend from Elm Street, a public way, southerly along Sweetwater Brook across land of Fougere and Merrill, Walker and the Boston Edison Company to the land of the Town of Stoneham, and that said acquisition be paid for under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts relative to the Public Works Economic Development program.

*UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 22. VOTED** that the Town authorize the Town Administrator to acquire an easement for drainage purposes on behalf of the Town of Stoneham. Such easement to be acquired by purchase, by gift, or by taking by eminent domain under the provisions of Chapter 79 or 80A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Said easement to extend westerly from Sweetwater Brook along the southerly sidelines of Elm Street, a public way, across land of the Boston Edison Company and Harvey Skolnick, to Central Street, a public way, and that acquisition be paid for under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53A, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts relative to the Public Works Economic Development program.

*UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 23. VOTED** that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $525. for the purpose of paying longevity compensation due Officer George Sullivan of the Stoneham Police Department incurred in Fiscal Year 1983-1984. Said sum to be raised from revenue of the current year.

*UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 26. VOTED** that the subject matter of Article 26 be indefinitely postponed.

*UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 27. VOTED** that the subject matter of Article 27 be indefinitely postponed.

*UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 28. VOTED** that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $86,000. for the engineering services on Montvale Avenue under the Urban Systems Project or do anything in relation thereto. Said sum to be raised from revenue of the current year.

**ARTICLE 29. VOTED** that the Town amend the Town code by deleting Section 2-19 and 2-20 of Chapter 2 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

**ARTICLE 29. VOTED** that the Town amend the Town code by deleting Section 2-19 and 2-20 of Chapter 2 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 2-19 FINANCIAL ESTIMATES OF BOARDS, OFFICERS, ETC., EXPENDING TOWN MONEY - PREPARATION AND FILING.

The various town boards, officers and committees charged with the expenditure of town money shall, one hundred twenty (120) days before the start of the Annual Town Meeting, prepare and file detailed estimates of the amounts deemed necessary for the administration of their respective offices or departments for the ensuing year, with explanatory statements of the reasons for any change for the amounts appropriated for the same purpose in the preceding year.

They shall also prepare estimates of all probable items of income which may be received by them during the ensuing year in connection with the administration of their departments or offices and a statement of the amount of the appropriation requested by them for the ensuing year. Such estimates and statements shall be filed with the Town Administrator who shall transmit them to the clerk of the Finance and Advisory Board, in addition such estimates shall be filed with the Town Accountant under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 59, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Finance and Advisory Board shall duly consider the estimates so submitted and may confer with the

town board, officers and committees and hold hearings, if they deem it advisable.

The board shall make a report of the matters so considered by it with recommendations or suggestions relative thereto and such recommendations or suggestions shall be published at least ten (10) days before the adjourned session of the Annual Town Meeting.

Such report of the Finance and Advisory Board, as published, shall also contain a statement of the doings of the Board during the year, with such recommendations or suggestions as it may deem advisable on any matters pertaining to the welfare of the Town.

SECTION 2-20 SAME - CONSIDERATION AND REPORT OF BOARD

In addition to the foregoing the Finance and Advisory Board shall consider the subject matter of all Articles under its jurisdiction and shall make recommendations or suggestions relative to such articles. Such recommendations and suggestions shall be published at least three (3) days before any special Town Meeting and at least ten (10) days before the adjourned session of the Annual Town Meeting.

*UNANIMOUS*

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

All the foregoing truly entered.

*Town Clerk*

# WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

**Thursday, May 9, 1985**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stoneham in the County of Middlesex,

*GREETING:*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in the

STONEHAM TOWN HALL
on
THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1985

at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act on the following Articles of this Warrant:

**ARTICLE 1.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of establishing a special detail work fund in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 53C of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Said appropriation to be raised from revenue of the current year, by transfer from available funds, or do anything in relation thereto.

*WILLIAM SEQUINO, JR.*
*TOWN ADMINISTRATOR*

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $13,000 for the purpose of purchasing a police cruiser for the use of the Stoneham Police Department. Said appropriation to be raised from revenue of the current year, transfer from available funds, or do anything in relation thereto.

*WILLIAM SEQUINO, JR.*
*TOWN ADMINISTRATOR*

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate supplemental sums to those previously voted under Article #16 of the 1984 Annual Town Meeting Warrant and Articles #1 and #4 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant of February 25, 1985 for the purpose of funding expenditures within the Stoneham Public Works Department. Said appropriation to be raised by transfer from balances of appropriations as voted in aforementioned Articles for the Public Works Department, or do anything in relation thereto.

*WILLIAM SEQUINO, JR.*
*TOWN ADMINISTRATOR*

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to petition the Town Moderator to appoint a Study Committee consisting of eleven (11) registered voters for the purpose of reviewing and revising Chapter 26 of the Acts of 1981 or do anything in relation thereto.

*FINANCE AND ADVISORY BOARD*

And you are directed to have five hundred (500) copies of the Warrant printed and so serve the same by posting duly attested copies in at least ten (10) public places in the Town at least fourteen (14) days before the time for holding said meeting and by causing an attested copy to be published in some newspaper in the Town, the publication to be not less than three (3) days before said meeting.

The remaining copies you are to have at the place and time of meeting as foresaid.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place aforesaid.

Given unto our hands this 25th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-five.

*BOARD OF SELECTMEN*

# SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

**May 9, 1985**

Agreeable to the warrant signed by the Selectmen on April 25, 1985 the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham

qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met in the Stoneham Junior High School on Thursday, May 9, 1985 at 8:15 o'clock in the evening.

Tellers were appointed to check the names of voters entering the Stoneham Junior High School and the check lists showed that 74 voters attended this meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator.

**ARTICLE 1. VOTED** that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 for the purpose of establishing a special detail work fund in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 53C of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Said appropriation to be raised from revenue of the fiscal year 1985 - 1986.

*UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 2. VOTED** that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $13,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a police cruiser for the use of the Stoneham Police Department. Said appropriation to be raised by transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account. The Town Accountant is hereby authorized to make such transfers on the books of the Town.

**ARTICLE 3. VOTED** that the Town raise and appropriate supplemental sums to those previously voted under Article 16 of the 1984 Annual Town Meeting and Article 1 and Article 4 of the Special Town Meeting of February 25, 1985 for the purpose of funding expenditures within the Public Works Department as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (a) | Public Works Administrative Operating Expenses | $43,421. |
| (b) | Public Works Motor Vehicle Maintenance Operating Expenses | 35,100. |
| (c) | Sewer Operating Expenses | 10,000 |
| (d) | Water Department - Operating Expenses | 2,550. |
| | | $91,171. |

and that the foregoing appropriation amounting to $91,171. be raised as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (a) | Public Works Administrative Personnel | $43,421. |
| (b) | Public Works Motor Vehicle Maintenance Personnel | 35,100. |
| (c) | Sewer Personnel | 10,000 |
| (d) | Water Department Personnel | 2,550. |
| | | $91,171. |

and that the Town Accountant is hereby authorized to make such transfers on the books of the Town.

*UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 4.** It was moved and seconded that the Town direct the Town Moderator to appoint a Study Committee consisting of seven (7) members all of whom shall be registered voters in the Town of Stoneham for the purpose of reviewing and/or revising Chapter 26 of the Acts of 1981 (Town Administrator Act). Said committee shall consist of the following:

one (1) Town Employee;
one (1) Member of Chamber of Commerce;
one (1) Member of League of Women Voters; and
four (4) Members "at large",

and that said committees report back to the Town with its recommendations at the Adjourned Session of the 1986 Annual Town Meeting or any date prior thereto.

It was moved and seconded to amend the motion from "the adjourned session of the 1986 Annual Town Meeting" to "the October 1985 Special Town Meeting."

The main motion, as amended, was voted.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

All the foregoing truly entered.

*TOWN CLERK*

# WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

**Monday, October 21, 1985**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stoneham in the County of Middlesex,

*GREETING:*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in the Stoneham Town Hall on

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1985

at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act on the following Articles of this Warrant:

**ARTICLE 1.** To see if the Town will vote to accept a professional development grant payable on February 15, 1986, August 15, 1986, February 15, 1987, and August 15, 1987, for the purpose of increasing teacher compensation under the provisions of Section 13 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985.

*STONEHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE*

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of auditing several Water System Rehabilitation and Leak Detection Grants, determine in what manner the said appropriation shall be raised, from taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, or do anything in relation thereto.

*WILLIAM SEQUINO, JR.*
*TOWN ADMINISTRATOR*

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies in at least ten (10) public places in the Town fourteen (14) days at least before the time for holding said meeting and by causing an attested copy to be published in some newspaper in the Town, the publication to be not less than three (3) days before said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place aforesaid.

Given unto our hands this fourth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-give.

*BOARD OF SELECTMEN*

# SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

**October 21, 1985**

Agreeable to the warrant signed by the Selectmen on October 4, 1985 the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met in the Stoneham Town Hall on Monday, October 21, 1985 at 8:26 P.M. in the evening.

Tellers were appointed to check the names of voters entering the Stoneham Town Hall and the check lists showed that 280 voters attended this meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator.

**ARTICLE 1. VOTED** that the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

**ARTICLE 2. VOTED** that the town raise and appropriate the sum of $4,500.00 for the purpose of auditing several Water System Rehabilitation and Leak Detection Grants. Said sum to be raised from transfer from Water Receipts. The Town Accountant is hereby authorized to make such transfers on the books of the Town.

*UNANIMOUS*

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

All the foregoing truly entered.

*TOWN CLERK*

# WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

**October 21, 1985**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stoneham in the County of Middlesex,

*GREETING:*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in the Stoneham Town Hall on

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1985

at 7:30 o'clock in the evening to act on the following Articles of this Warrant:

**ARTICLE 1.** To hear the reports of town officers and committees and to act thereon and to choose committees.

*BOARD OF SELECTMEN*

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town of Stoneham will vote to declare a Building Moratorium effective for a period of one year, during which time building permits will not be issued for the construction of all buildings, so that the Town and its residents may have sufficient time to investigate and evaluate the impact of increased building within the Town upon Stoneham's water supply, sewage facilities, and existing streets and thoroughfares. This building moratorium does not prohibit the renovation of existing structures, residential or commercial.

*ROBERTA SHEA ET AL*

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of engaging the services of a Parliamentarian to assist the Town Moderator in matters of protocol and exercising control as deemed necessary to conduct Town Meeting in an orderly and expeditious manner, and to insure that the voters within the Town may be encouraged to participate in the governing of the Town. Said appropriation shall be raised from taxation by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or otherwise, or to do anything in relation thereto.

*CATHERINE M. WILSON ET AL*

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town of Stoneham will vote to amend the Town Code to add to Article 1 - In General, Section 2-1.1: An appointed or elected local official serving on one Board comprising the town government may not serve on any other Board within the Town which has parallel, supplementary, or overlapping duties of responsibilities which may result in an official act.

*BOBBE A. O'BRIEN ET AL*

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town of Stoneham will vote to establish that should a resident(s) of the Town of Stoneham not legally qualified as an abutter or recognized as an interested party, represent in person or in writing to any Town Board or Governing Body prior to or at any public hearing so announced, that they wish to be informed of subsequent public hearings on the matter so at hand as they consider it to so affect them or to be in their interest, then the Town Board or Governing Body directing such public hearing will insure that the name(s) of such resident(s) will be noted, and that said resident(s) shall be given the same such notice as all abutters or other interested and affected parties at the public hearing, as to any subsequent public hearings relating to the subject of interest.

*GEORGE SAVARD ET AL*

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to repeal Section 9-15. of the Town Code which reads as follows:

> **Section 9-15.** Gasoline filling station pump operation. No person owning or operating a gasoline filling station shall allow the pumping of gasoline for retail sale without an attendant employed by the station present to hold the gas nozzle while gasoline is being pumped into the tank of the vehicle. (11-14-77).

*IRVING E. GLOOR ET AL*

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed Ninety Thousand Dollars ($90,000.) for the purpose of acquiring an independent computer system for the Stoneham Police Department. Said appropriation shall be raised from taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or otherwise, or to do anything in relation thereto.

*BOARD OF SELECTMEN*

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty-One Dollars ($131.00) to pay an invoice dated September 19, 1983 from Action Ambulance Service, Inc. for services renedered to a Stoneham firefighter. Said appropriation shall be raised from taxation, by transfer of available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, or do anything in relation thereto.

*BOARD OF SELECTMEN/*
*FIRE CHIEF RAYMOND L. SORESEN*

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $48,405. as defined in Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 1985 for construction, reconstruction and improvement on qualified public ways of the Town: determine in what manner the said appropriation shall be raised, from taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, or do anything in relation thereto, and authorize the Public Works Department to make such expenditures on behalf of the Town.

*PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT*

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase replacement equipment for the Public Works Department defined as follows:

Air Compressor ..... (Water)
Dump Truck ..... (Water)
Sander Body ..... (Snow & Ice)
Sidewalk Tractor w/Plow ..... (Snow & Ice)
Tractor Mower ..... (Park)
Automobile ..... (Admin.)
Leaf Vacuum ..... (Cemetery)

to authorize the Public Works Department to make such purchases and disposals on behalf of the Town, determine in what manner the said appropriation shall be raised, from taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, or do anything in relation thereto.

*PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT*

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and apropriate a sum of money for the purpose of embellishing Lindenwood Cemetery including but not limited to replacing sections of the water system and shaping, grading, loaming and seeding undeveloped sections, determine in what manner the said appropriation shall be raised, from taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, or do anything in relation thereto.

*PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT*

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of constructing a storm drain in North Street and on private property at #94 and #96 North Street and for the purpose of acquiring an easement across the aforementioned private property for said drain, and to authorize the Town Administrator to acquire such easements by purchase, by gift, or taking by eminent domain under the provisions of Chapter 79 or 80A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: determine in what manner the said appropriation shall be raised from taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, or do anything in relation thereto.

*PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT*

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to construct a storm drain on sections of Marshall Road, High Street and the Bear Hill Golf Course and to authorize the Town Administrator to acquire an easement on the Bear Hill Golf property for said purpose by purchase, by gift, or taking by eminent domain under the provisions of Chapter 79 or 80A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, determine in what manner the said appropriation shall be raised, from taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrow ing or otherwise, or do anything in relation thereto.

*BOARD OF SELECTMEN*
*TOWN ADMINISTRATOR*

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sum of money for the purpose of providing the non-participating share of the Urban Systems Roadway project to be constructed in the Square area, determine in what manner the said appropriation shall be raised, from taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, or do anything in relation thereto.

*TOWN ADMINISTRATOR*

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning By-law by deleting Chapter 11, Sign By-law and Chapter 15, Zoning By-law in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Chapter 15, Zoning By-law which incorporates the sign code. The major revisions are to change the paragraph designation system to the decimal system to correct typographical errors in spelling and punctuation; to improve administrative procedure; to add, among other districts, a Medical District, Central Business district and a Recreation/Open Space District. To change district names; to modify the use and density requirements and to add performance requirements. Said recodification may be seen at the following locations:

Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall
Stoneham Public Library
Junior High School Library
Administrative Office,
New England Memorial Hospital
Robin Hood School Library
Planning Board Office, Town Hall - Room #9

*STONEHAM PLANNING BOARD*

**ARTICLE 16.** To see that the Town of Stoneham votes to establish that the residents of the Town of Stoneham hereby declare any zoning by-laws proposed by or for the Town shall adequately represent the interests of the residents within the town, their well-being and safety, and in so representing the residents of the Town of Stoneham shall designate three residential classifications.

1. Residence A - Single family homes only
2. Residence B - One to four-family dwellings
3. Residence C - Multifamily residence including

apartments, town houses, condominiums and limited professional use.

These three residential qualifications are meant to insure that structural harmony is maintained within the community, and that general neighborhood character is not denegrated, so that within a residence B area structures may not be eliminated to erect apartment houses or multiple units in place stead which may not be in character or harmony within a particular neighborhood, and which may adversely impact neighboring single family zoned areas resulting in an unacceptable density level of population, and which areas may not have adequate resources or facilities to cope with such increased density of population.

*JOHN REINOLD ET AL*

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a new Zoning Map to reflect the changes in districts adopted in the revised Zoning By-law text. The new map prepared by the Engineering Department of the Town of Stoneham is posted in the following places and is on file in the Planning Board office:

Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall
Stoneham Public Library
Junior High School Library
Administrative Office,
New England Memorial Hospital
Robin Hood School Library
Planning Board Office, Town Hall - Room #9

*STONEHAM PLANNING BOARD*

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law Chapter 15, of the Town Code by adding to the Zoning By-laws the following sections:

15-110-4.9 **Medical District**

15-110-4.9.1 **Purpose**
The purpose of the Medical District is to provide an area for hospitals and services related to said hospitals, and medical offices.

15-110-4.9.1.1 **Definitions**
For the purposes of this By-law certain terms and words are herein defined as follows:

**Hospital:** An institution licensed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a hospital providing health services for in-patient and out-patient medical or surgical care of the sick or injured and including related facilities such as, but not limited to, laboratories, out-patient departments, central staff service facilities, and staff offices which are an integral part of the institution.

**Medical Office:** The office of a physician, dentist, or other licensed medical professional.

15-110-4.9.2 **Uses Permitted with Site Plan Approval by the Board of Selectmen**

15-110-4.9.2.1 Sanitarium or convalescent home.

15-110-4.9.3 **Uses Permitted on a Special Permit Granted by the Planning Board**

15-110-4.9.3.1 Semi-public, philanthropic, or charitable institutions, but not including a correctional institution or a place of detention.

15-110-4.9.3.2 Library or museum

15-110-4.9.3.3 Hosital, but not including a hospital conducted exclusively for mental health purposes.

15-110-4.9.3.4 Health Care Facility

15-110-4.9.3.5 Activities accessory to uses otherwise permitted, either with Site Plan Approval or by Special Permit, within the District, including medical professional offices, chapels, and schools.

15-110-5.2 **Dimensional Regulations by District**

15-110-5.2.1 The accompanying table, entitled "Dimensional Regulations", Table I is hereby incorporated into and made a part of this By-law.

**TABLE ONE-DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

| District | Minimum Lot Size in Square Feet | Frontage and Lot Width in Feet | Coverage | Minimum Front | Yards Side | (Feet) Rear | Height in Feet |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Medical | 40,000 | 150 | 40 | 40 | 20 | 50 | 65 |

15-110-6.3 **Off-Street Parking Requirements**

15-110-6.3.2 **Location of Parking Facilities**

15-110-6.3.2.1 Parking shall be on the same lot as the principal use and to the rear of the setback line.

15-110-6.3.3.7 Parking spaces shall each be a minimum of nine (9) feet by eighteen (18) feet.

15-110-6.3.4.3 For hospitals, one (1) parking space for each bed; for convalescent homes, sanitariums or similar institutions, one (1) parking space for every four (4) beds.

15-110-6.3.4.5 For medical and dental offices there shall be one (1) parking space for every two hundred (200) square feet of gross floor area.

*CHARLES F. HOUGHTON ET AL*

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-laws, Chapter 15 of the Town Code by adding to the Medical District:

A certain parcel of land located in the Town of Stoneham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts situated on the easterly side of Woodland Road being further bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the easterly side of Woodland Road at the land of the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC);

thence, southeasterly by the land of the MDC a distance of 205.93 feet to a point;

thence, southerly by the land of the MDC a distance of 201.00 feet to a point;

thence, easterly by the land of the MDC a distance of 261.00 feet to a point;

thence, southeasterly by the land of the MDC a distance of 125.00 feet to a point;

thence, southerly by the land of the MDC a distance of 67.35 feet to a point;

thence, southeasterly by the land of the MDC in two courses a total distance of 736.79 feet to a point;

thence, southerly by the land now or formerly of the MDC in two courses a total distance of 1231 feet more or less to a point;

thence, westerly by the land of the MDC a distance of 217 feet more or less to a point;

thence, southerly by the land now or formerly of the MDC a distance of 27 feet more or less to a point;

thence, southwesterly by the land of the MDC by a curved line to the left having a radius of 1079.00 feet, a length of 277.90 feet to a point;

thence, southwesterly by the land of the MDC a distance of 270.00 feet to a point;

thence, westerly and northwesterly by the land of the MDC by a curved line to the right having a radius of 701.50 feet a length of 185.00 feet to a point;

thence, northwesterly by the land of the MDC by a curved line to the right having a radius of 184.14 feet a length of 75.60 feet to a point;

thence, northwesterly by the land of the MDC a distance of 97.78 feet to a point;

thence, northwesterly by the land of the MDC by a curved line to the left having a radius of 455.63 feet a length of 112.59 feet to a point;

thence, northwesterly by the land of the MDC a distance of 25.00 feet to a point;

thence, northwesterly by the land of the MDC by a curved line to the right having a radius of 690.22 feet a length of 62.01 feet to a point;

thence, northwesterly by the land of the MDC a distance of 59.80 feet to a point;

thence, northwesterly by the land of the MDC by a curved line to the right having a radius of 100.02 feet, a length of 15.73 feet to a point.

thence, westerly and southwesterly by the land of the MDC, by a curved line to the left having a radius of 389.90 feet a length of 214.30 feet to a point,

thence, westerly by the land of the MDC a distance of 28.90 feet to point,

thence, northwesterly, northerly and northeasterly by the land of the MDC by a curved line to the right having a radius of 10.00 feet, a length of 24.80 feet to a point on the easterly sideline of Woodland Road;

thence, northwesterly by the easterly sideline of Woodland Road in six courses a total distance of 539.25 feet to a point;

thence, northerly by the easterly sideline of Woodland Road in four courses a total distance of 1103.80 feet to a point;

thence, northwesterly by the easterly sideline of Woodland Road a distance of 20.15 feet to the point of beginning.

Said property being shown on a plan entitled "Topography of Land in Stoneham, Mass. surveyed for N.E. Sanitarium and Hosital", scale 1″ = 40′, dated May 15, 1965 and revised August 2, 1976, October 15, 1976 and October 26, 1976 by Dana F. Perkins & Sons, Inc., Civil Engineers and Surveyors, Reading, Mass.

And, further, that the Town Engineer be authorized to amend the official Zoning Map to the Town so as to reflect this change in the Zoning Limits.

*CHARLES F. HOUGHTON ET AL*

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies in at least ten (10) public places in the Town fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting and by causing an attested copy to be published in some newspaper in the Town, the publication to be not less than three days before said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place aforesaid.

Given unto our hands this fourth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-five.

*BOARD OF SELECTMEN*

# ANNUAL SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

**October 21, 1985**

Agreeable to the warrant signed by the Selectmen on October 4, 1985 the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met in the Stoneham Town

Hall on Monday, October 21, 1985 at 7:40 in the evening.

Tellers were appointed to check the names of voters entering the Stoneham Town Hall and the check lists showed that 280 voters attended this meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator.

**ARTICLE 1.** The following report was read from the Special Acts Study Committee: This Committee was appointed by town moderator Albert Conti as directed by the town meeting of May 9, 1985. The Committee held its organization meeting on July 8, 1985 and has met weekly since that date.

Testimony was received in writing and orally from all interested parties. These included present and former town administrators, elected officials, appointed board and officials, town counsel and many other interested groups. A public hearing was also held on October 2, 1985. The Committee is currently reviewing suggestions made at these hearings and in writing. Upon completion of this review the Committee plans to draft recommendations to be presented at a future town meeting. It is therefore, recommended that this committee be continued until its work is completed.

*Voted - UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 2.** It was moved and seconded that the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed. It was voted to have a hand count.

YES 130 NO 99 CARRIED

**ARTICLE 3.** VOTED that the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

**ARTICLE 4.** VOTED that the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M. to convene the Special Town Meeting and reconvened at 8:31 P.M.

**ARTICLE 5.** It was moved and seconded that the Town vote to establish that should a resident(s) of the Town of Stoneham not legally qualified as an abutter or recognized as an interested party, represent in person or in writing to any Town Board or Governing Body prior to or at any public hearing so announced, that they wish to be informed of subsequent public hearings on the matter so at hand as they consider it to so affect them or to be in their interest, then the Town Board or Governing Body directing such public hearing will ensure that the name(s) of such resident(s) will be noted, and that said resident(s) shall be given such notice as all abutters or other interested and affected parties at the public hearings, as to any subsequent public hearings relating to the subject of interest. Any such request for notification may not be in the form of a written petition comprising more than one name.

Voted: NO

**ARTICLE 6.** It was moved and seconded that the Town vote to repeal Section 9-15. of the Town Code which reads as follows:

**Section 6-15.** Gasoline filling station pump operation. No person owning or operating a gasoline filling station shall allow the pumping of gasoline for retail sale without an attendant employed by the station present to hold the gas nozzle while gasoline is being pumped into the tank of the vehicle. (11-14-77)

Voted: YES 105 NO 83

**ARTICLE 7.** VOTED that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $90,000.00 for the purpose of acquiring an independent computer system for the Stoneham Police Department; and the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to issue notes, bonds, or other evidence of indebtedness to a sum not to exceed $90,000.00. Said issuance in accordance to Chapter 44, Section 7 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and that the Town Administrator be authorized to expend said sum and to make all other necessary action to carry out this vote.

*UNANIMOUS*

It was moved and seconded to reconsider **Article 2.**

Voted: NO *UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 3.** VOTED that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $131.00 to pay an invoice dated September 19, 1983 from Action Ambulance Service, Inc. for services rendered to a Stoneham firefighter. Said appropriation to be raised from revenue of the current year.

*UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 9.** VOTED that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $48,405.00 for construction, reconstruction and improvement on qualified public ways of the Town. Said appropriation to be raised from revenue of the current year, and authorize the Town Administrator to make such expenditures on behalf of the Town.

*UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 10.**

It was moved and seconded that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $113,250.00 to purchase replacement equipment for the Public Works Department defined as follows:

Air Compressor ..... (Water)
Dump Truck ..... (Water)
Sander Body ..... (Snow and Ice)
Sidewalk Tractor w/Plow ..... (Snow and Ice)
Tractor Mower ..... (Park)
Automobile ..... (Administration)
Leaf Vacuum ..... (Cemetery)

said appropriation to be raised as follows:

transfer from Water Receipts ..... 52,300.00
transfer from Sale of Lots & Graves ..... 3,650.00
revenue of the current year ..... 57,300.00

and that the Town Administrator is authorized to make such purchase and disposals on behalf of the Town and any items which are being replaced which are not used as part of the consideration should be disposed of under the provisions of the Obsolete Properties Committee by-law. The Town Accountant is authorized to make such transfers on the books of the Town.

It was moved and seconded to amend Article 10 as follows: To see if the Town will vote to raise and ap-

propriate a sum of money to purchase replacement equipment for the Public Works Department defined as follows:

Air Compressor ..... (Water
Dump Truck ..... (Water)
Sander Body ..... (Snow and Ice)
Tractor Mower ..... (Parks)
Automobile ..... (Administration)
Leaf Vacuum ..... (Cemetery)

to authorize the Public Works Department to make such purchases and disposals on behalf of the Town, determine in what manner the said appropriation shall be raised, from taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, to do anything in relation thereto.

Voted: NO

The main motion as read was voted.

*UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 11.** VOTED that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $45,000.00 for the purpose of embellishing Lindenwood Cemetery including but not limited to replacing sections of water system and shaping, grading, loaming and seeding undeveloped sections. Said sum to be raised from Sales of Lots and Graves and that the Town Accountant is hereby authorized to make such transfers on the books of the Town.

*UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 12.** VOTED that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $21,500.00 for the purpose of constructing a storm drain in North Street and on private property at #94 and #96 North Street and for the purpose acquiring an easement across the aforementioned private property for said drain, and to authorize the Town Administrator to acquire such easement by purchase, by gift, or taking by eminent domain under the provisions of Chapter 79 or 80A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to issue notes, bonds, or other evidence of indebtedness to a sum not to exceed $21,500.00. Said issuance in accordance with (Chapter 44, Section 7, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and that the Town Administrator by authorized to expand said sum and to make all other necessary action to carry out this vote.

*UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 13.** VOTED that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $75,000.00 for the purpose of constructing a storm drain on sections of Marshall Road, High Street and Bear Hill Golf Course and to authorize the Town Administrator to acquire an easement on the Bear Hill Golf property for said purpose by purchase, by gift, or taking by eminent domain under the provisions of Chapter 79 or 80A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to issue notes, bonds or other evidence of indebtedness to a sum not to exceed $75,000.00 Said issuance in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 7 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and that the Town Administrator be authorized to expend said sum and to make all other necessary action to carry out this vote.

*UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 14.** VOTED that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $25,000.00 for the purpose of highway and brick sidewalk construction in the Square Area as the non-participating share of the Urban Systems Roadway Project. The Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to issue notes, bonds or other evidence of indebtedness to a sum not to exceed $25,000. Said issuance in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 7 of the General Laws of Massachusetts; and that the Town Administrator be authorized to expend said sum and to make all other necessary action to carry out this vote.

*UNANIMOUS*

*It was moved and seconded to adjourn this meeting before Article 15 is discussed.*

*Voted: NO*

**ARTICLE 15.** It was moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning By-law by deleting Chapter 11, Sign By-law and Chapter 15, Zoning By-law in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a New Chapter 15, Zoning By-law which incorporates the sign code. (Article 15 attached)

It was moved and seconded to amend Article 15 as follows: (see attached amendment)

*Voted: NO*

The main motion, as presented, was voted as follows:
YES 89 NO 40

It was moved and seconded to reconsider Article 15.

*Voted: NO*

**ARTICLE 16.** VOTED that the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

**ARTICLE 17.** VOTED that the Town adopt a new Zoning Map prepared by the Engineering Department of the Town of Stoneham dated October 21, 1985 which reflects the changes in districts adopted in the revised Zoning By-law text.

*UNANIMOUS*

It was moved and seconded that Article 16 be reconsidered.

*Voted: No. UNANIMOUS*

It was moved and seconded that Article 17 be reconsidered.

*Voted: No. UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 18.** VOTED that the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

**ARTICLE 19.** VOTED that the subject matter of this aticle be indefinitely postponed.

It was moved and seconded to reconsider Article 1.

*VOTED: No. UNANIMOUS*

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 P.M.

All the foregoing truly entered.

# WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

**Tuesday, December 10, 1985**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stoneham in the County of Middlesex,

*GREETING:*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in the

STONEHAM TOWN HALL
on
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1985

at 7:30 o'clock in the evening to act on the following Articles of this Warrant:

**ARTICLE 1.** To see if the Town will vote to accept a professional development grant payable on February 15, 1986; August 15, 1986; February 15, 1987; and August 15, 1987 for the purpose of increasing teacher compensations under the provisions of Section 13 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985.

*STONEHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE*

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 13 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985 relating to the Professional Development Grant Program for Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School District, or take any other action relative thereto.

*NORTHEAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE*

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in connection with the Public Works Economic Grant Project. Monies to be raised from Surplus Revenue Account from interest earned on said grant between July 1, 1985 to November 30, 1985 inclusive and that the Town Accountant is hereby authorized to make said transfer on the books of the Town. That said appropriation to be expended by the Public Works Department and be authorized to do anything in relation hereto.

*WILLIAM SEQUINO, JR.*
*TOWN ADMINISTRATOR*

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Code by deleting Section 2-20 of Chapter 2 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 2-20. Same - Consideration and report Board.

The Finance and Advisory Board shall consider the subject matter of all Articles under its jurisdiction, and shall make recommendations or suggestions relative to such Articles. Such recommendations or suggestions shall be published at least three (3) days before any Special Town Meeting and at least ten (10) days before the adjourned session of the Annual Town Meeting.

Prior to the subject matter of any such Article being considered by Town Meeting, the sponsor of the Article shall provide to the Finance and Advisory Board the following:

1. Estimated dollar cost of Article (if any)
   a. Start-up costs
   b. Annual operating costs
2. Estimate of revenue increase (if any)
3. Source of funding (with advice of Town Accountant)
4. Reasons for request (need)
5. Alternatives to requested action
6. Likely impact if project is not accepted

The sponsor of each such Article shall provide this information to the Finance and Advisory Board within two (2) days after the final date fixed for receiving said Articles for a Special Town Meeting, and within forty-five (45) days after the final date fixed for receiving said Articles for an Annual Town Meeting. The sponsor or the sponsor's designee for each Article shall attend such meeting(s) of the Finance and Advisory Board as deemed necessary by the Board, to discuss each such Article.

*FINANCE AND ADVISORY BOARD*

And you are directed to have five hundred (500) copies of the Warrant printed and so serve the same by posting duly attested copies in at least ten (10) public places in the Town at least fourteen (14) days before the time for holding said meeting and by causing an attested copy to be published in some newspaper in the Town, the publication to be not less than three (3) days before said meeting.

The remaining copies you are to have at the place and time of meeting as aforesaid.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place aforesaid.

Given unto our hands this 21st day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-five.

*BOARD OF SELECTMEN*

# SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

**December 10, 1985**

Agreeable to the warrant signed by the Selectmen on November 21, 1985 the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met in the Stoneham Town Hall on Tuesday, December 10, 1985 at 7:30 in the evening.

Tellers were appointed to check the names of voters entering the Stoneham Town Hall and the check lists showed

that 71 voters attended this meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator.

**ARTICLE 1. VOTED** that the Town accept Section 13 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985 relating to the Professional Development Grant Program for the Stoneham Public School System.

*UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 2. VOTED** that the Town accept Section 13 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985 relating to the Professional Development Grant Program for Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School District.

*UNANIMOUS*

**ARTICLE 3. VOTED** that the Town raise and appropriate $30,000. to be used in connection with the Public Works Economic Grant Project. Monies to be raised from Surplus Revenue Account from interest earned on said grant between July 1, 1985 to November 30, 1985 inclusive and that the Town Accountant is hereby authorized to make said transfer on the books of the Town. That the said appropriation to be expended by the Public Works Department and that said Department be authorized to execute any and all documents necessary or proper to carry out this vote.

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**ARTICLE 4.** It was moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the Town Code by deleting Section 2-20 of Chapter 2 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 2-20. Same - Consideration and report of Board.

The Finance and Advisory Board shall consider the subject matter of all Articles under its jurisdiction, and shall make recommendations or suggestions relative to such Articles. Such recommendations or suggestions shall be published at least three (3) days before any Special Town Meeting and at least ten (10) days before the adjourned session of the Annual Town Meeting.

Prior to the subject matter of any such Article being considered by Town Meeting, the sponsor of the Article shall provide to the Finance and Advisory Board the following:

1. Total estimated dollar cost of Article (if any) including:
   a. Start-up costs
   b. Annual operating cost
2. Estimate of revenue increase (if any)
3. Source of funding (with advice of Town Accountant)
4. Reason for request (need)
5. Alternatives to requested action
6. Likely impact if project is not accepted

The sponsor of each such Article shall provide this information to the Finance and Advisory Board within two (2) days after the final date fixed for receiving said Articles for a Special Town Meeting, and within forty-five (45) days after the final date fixed for receiving said Articles for an Annual Town Meeting. The sponsor or the sponsor's designee for each Article shall attend such meeting(s) of the Finance and Advisory Board as deemed necessary by the Board, to discuss each such Article.

Voted: YES 27 NO 29

This motion did NOT carry.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.